TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE OFFICERS OF THE

TOWN OF NEEDHAM

MASSACHUSETTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

1917

TOGETHER WITH THE

TOWN CLERK'S RECORD OF TOWN-MEETINGS

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TOWN OFFICERS 1917-1918

Moderator
William G. Moseley

Town Clerk
Thomas Sutton

Selectmen
David Murdock, *Chairman*
Samuel H. Wragg — Robert B. Hill

Assessors
William F. Casey, *Chairman*, 1918
Henry Godfrey, Jr., 1919 — George L. Kingsbury, 1920

Overseers of the Poor
Alfred T. Baker, *Chairman*, 1920
Evan C. Thorpe, 1918 — Susan W. Fiske, 1919

Town Treasurer
Charles E. Stanwood

Collector of Taxes
John L. Twigg

Constables
George Twigg — Frederick D. Sutton

Tree Warden
Ernest E. Riley

School Committee
Joseph Satterlee, *Chairman*, 1918
Mary C. Whitney, 1919 — George B. Haven, 1920

Water Commissioners
Edmund G. Pond, *Chairman*, 1919
Albert E. Collishaw, 1918 — William Carter, 1920

Trustees of Public Library

George K. Clarke, *Chairman*	1920
William Carter	1918
Robert B. Walker	1918
Leonard O. Packard	1919
Alice M. Hicks	1919
Austin H. Keyes	1920

Park Commissioners
Charles W. Pease, *Chairman*, 1918
Arthur G. Curren, 1919 — Preston Mitchell, 1920

Board of Health
J. Walter Schirmer, M.D., *Chairman*, 1920
Virgil A. Rowe, 1918 — Norman A. Dubois, 1919

Finance Committee

Frank W. Gorse, *Chairman*, 1920

Walter K. Queen 1918
Frank C. Rogers 1918
Redington Fiske 1918
Jeremiah F. Buckley 1919
G. Waldo Crawley 1919
Edgar H. Bowers 1919
Alfred Parker 1920
*Benjamin H. Bicknell 1920

†Llewellyn W. Stevens

Highway Surveyors, Fence Viewers, and Town Agents

David Murdock, *Chairman*

Samuel H. Wragg
Robert B. Hill

Field Drivers

George Twigg

Alexander Lynes
Charles A. Blackman

Surveyors of Lumber

Alfred Parker
Isaac A. Grant

Measurers of Wood and Bark

James H. Whetton
Henry E. Poore
Joseph Willett
Patrick J. Reid
Patrick Gaughan
James E. Gaughan

Armand J. Mathey

Public Weighers

Joseph Willett
Patrick J. Reid
Henry E. Poore
Isaac Warren
Patrick Gaughan
James E. Gaughan
James H. Whetton
Armand J. Mathey
Arthur H. Whetton
John R. Nichols
Alexander McKay
Frederick D. Sutton

Edith Loraine

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Frederick D. Sutton

Pound Keeper

Alger E. Eaton

APPOINTED

Registrars of Voters

Charles M. Donahue, *Chairman*, 1918

Colin Rae 1919
William C. Payne 1920

Thomas Sutton, *ex-officio*

Superintendent of Streets

Henry D. Blackman

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* Resigned.

† By appointment till March election.

Superintendent of Schools
Nelson G. Howard

Superintendent and Registrar of Water Department
George A. Adams

Town Counsel
William G. Moseley

Town Accountant
Everett Totman

Agent and Clerk of Overseers of the Poor
Francis J. Stanwood

Inspector of Buildings
H. Howard Upham

Inspector of Cattle and Provisions
Samuel O. Fowle, M.D.V.

Superintendent of Fire Alarms and Inspector of Wires
John C. Morong

Forest Warden
H. Howard Upham

Deputy Forest Wardens
Dana L. Southworth
Charles G. Robinson
William S. Cassidy
Henry D. Blackman
G. Gilbert Toone
Edward Daly
Timothy A. Sullivan

Agent of Board of Health
H. E. Berger, Jr., Address Wellesley Hills, Mass.

Superintendent for the Suppression of the Gypsy and Browntail Moth
Ernest E. Riley

Town Physician
Charles W. Pease, M.D.

Engineers of Fire Department
H. Howard Upham, *Chief*
Thomas R. Quinlan
Allston R. Bowers
Samuel H. Wragg

Constable
Samuel H. Wragg

Janitor of Town Hall
Isaac Warren

Burial Agent
William Horrocks

Keeper of Lockup
Norman MacKenzie

Dog Officer
William H. Stanton

Deputy Tax Collector
Norman MacKenzie

Public Weigher
Harriet Willett

Authorized to Cut Wires
Willard B. Cookson
John C. Morong

Police
Norman MacKenzie, *Chief*
Alexander Lynes
Joseph Colburn

Special Police

Arthur H. Whetton
Henry Shepardson
G. Gilbert Toone
Arthur P. Bliss
Samuel Smith
Harry Shepperson
Theodore McIntosh
Marshall Blackman
John Campbell
Thomas O'Shaughnessy
John Brennan
Leo Pease
Wallace G. Rae
Frank W. Gorse
Samuel F. Leight
Ernest E. Parker
John F. Gaughan
William Brown
Rodney G. Adams
John W. Crisp
Frank G. Stuart
Thomas Dungan
Walter J. Cocoran
George Strange
Armand J. Mathey
Samuel H. Wragg
Wm. H. Stanton
J. Percy Chambers
Harold Neas
Leonard Vara
Peter Pickles
George H. Lane
Herbert C. Hudson
Herbert W. Illsley
John Ralston
James H. Whetton
H. Howard Upham
Charles G. Robinson
J. Walter Schirmer
John H. Kent
Edward Daly
Irving B. Calhoun
Willard E. Doane
Bernard F. Whitaker
Frank P. Hannon
Thomas Anderson
John K. Burgess
John W. Coppinger
Rolla E. Healy
Henry D. Blackman
William F. Brown
Dana L. Southworth
Walter H. Marchant
C. Fred Wood
Rupert D. G. O'Leary
Michael J. O'Connor
Michael Morgan
Thomas Crowley
Robert J. Clark
George E. Mitchell
Thomas R. Quinlan
George A. Adams
William A. Parks
Herbert T. Slaney
Walter K. Queen
David P. Friswell
William E. Riley
Samuel B. Whiting
Michael J. Harrington
William Marriott
Hudson March

TOWN OF NEEDHAM

Town Clerk's Record

OF THE

TOWN MEETINGS

HELD DURING THE YEAR

1917

NEEDHAM
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Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting

MARCH 5, 1917

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

NORFOLK, SS.

To George Twigg, a constable of the Town of Needham, in said county.

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Needham, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the town hall in said town on Monday, the fifth day of March next, at five forty-five o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To choose by ballot the following town officers: One moderator for one year, one town clerk for one year, three selectmen for one year, one overseer of the poor for three years, one assessor for three years, one assessor for two years, one member of the board of health for three years, one town treasurer for one year, one collector of taxes for one year, two constables for one year, one member of the school committee for three years, one water commissioner for three years, two trustees of the public library for three years, one trustee of the public library for two years, one park commissioner for three years, one tree warden for one year, three members of the finance committee for three years, and upon the same ballot to vote "Yes" or "No" upon the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Article 2. To choose or appoint all other necessary town officers in such manner as the town may determine.

Article 3. To hear and act on the reports of town officers and committees.

Article 4. To see what disposition the town will make of the money received for dog licenses.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to authorize the treasurer with the approval of the selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.

Article 6. To see what sums of money the town will appropriate for the construction, maintenance and repairs of highways, townways, sidewalks and bridges; for the support of schools; for the maintenance of the public library; for the relief and support of the poor; for the observance of Memorial Day; for the care and improvement of parks and public grounds; for the use of the tree warden; for other necessary town charges and expenses, including unpaid bills of 1916.

Article 7. To see what action the town will take in regard to unexpended balances.

Article 8. To see how the town will have its taxes collected and fix the compensation therefor, for the current year.

Article 9. To see if the town will grant an easement to the New York, New Haven & Hartford R. R. Company for depot purposes in a strip of land comprising a portion of the "Water Shed Land," near bridge where Great Plain Avenue crosses the railroad track.

Article 10. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to install three or more street lights, on a way called Melrose Avenue, on petition of John A. King and others.

Article 11. To see if the town will cooperate with the Commonwealth and County in co-operative extension work, in Agriculture and Home Economics, and will appropriate the sum of ($200), two hundred dollars, for paid supervision of Boys and Girls' Clubs formed for the above objects, on petition of Rolla E. Healey and others.

Article 12. To see if the town will accept Chap. 423 of the Acts of 1909 relative to the sale of ice cream, confectionery, soda water and fruit on the Lord's Day.

Article 13. To see if the town will accept Chap. 59 of the Acts of 1916 relative to the holding of annual town meetings.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars for supervision of Avery School playground, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

Article 15. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of ($5500), fifty-five hundred dollars for the purchase of a motor fire apparatus or pass any vote or votes relative thereto, on petition of G. Waldo Crawley, Dana L. Southworth, Howard A. Crossman, Edward E. Dailey and Samuel H. Wragg.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to accept Manson Road as laid out by the Selectmen, on petition of Phil S. Rideout and others.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to purchase "Washburn's Field" so-called, situated on Great Plain Avenue and Nehoiden Street, containing about four acres, for playground purposes and appropriate money therefor or pass any vote or votes relative thereto, upon petition of James H. Whetton and others.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to authorize the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to issue the notes or bonds of the town to an amount not exceeding ($11,000), and for a period not exceeding ten years. The proceeds thereof to be used for the purchase of "Washburn's Field" so-called, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to accept Otis street between Manning Street and Dr. DeLue's farm, under Chap. 50 of the Revised Laws and amendments thereto, and appropriate money for same, on petition of Samuel Kingsbury and others.

Article 20. To see if the town will accept Chap. 283 of the Acts of 1914, and Acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto, relative to a Planning Board.

Article 21. To see if the town will appropriate ($500) five hundred dollars to be used by the Park Commissioners for the purpose of investigating, surveying and securing options on various parcels of land for parks, play-grounds and public reservations, on petition of the Park Commissioners.

Article 22. To see if the town will appropriate ($100) one hundred dollars to help defray expense of erecting a forest fire observation tower to be constructed at Waltham.

Article 23. To appropriate money to pay the tuition of pupils in vocational schools.

Article 24. To see if the town will vote to have the Assessor's valuation list printed once in five years, instead of the present plan of printing every year.

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for the collection and disposal of garbage the same to be expended under the supervision of the Board of Health.

Article 26. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars to be used toward the maintenance and operation of the Glover Home and Hospital for the current year on petition of the Glover Home and Hospital Trustees.

Article 27. To see if the town will vote to have the reports of its officers, and the proceedings of this and subsequent town meetings printed and copies thereof distributed.

Article 28. To appropriate and raise by borrowing or otherwise, such sums of money as may be necessary for all or any of the purposes mentioned in the foregoing articles, and to act upon the appropriations asked for or proposed by the selectmen or by any town officers or committees.

The polls may be closed at four o'clock P. M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in not less than twenty public places in said town at least seven days before the time of said meeting, and also to leave a copy at each of the several dwelling houses within the town.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, unto our town clerk on or before said day and hour.

Given unto our hands at Needham, aforesaid this thirteenth day of February A. D. nineteen hundred and seventeen.

[SEAL]

SAMUEL H. WRAGG,
DAVID MURDOCH,
GEORGE W. BAKER,
Selectmen of Needham.

OFFICER'S RETURN

Norfolk, ss.

Needham, Feb. 22, 1917.

By virtue of this warrant, I have this day notified and warned the inhabitants of the town of Needham, to meet as within directed, by posting true and attested copies of this warrant in not less than twenty public places in said town more than seven days before the time of holding said meeting, and by leaving a copy at each of the several dwelling-houses, as within directed.

GEORGE TWIGG,
Constable of Needham.

A true copy of warrant and officer's return.

Attest:

THOMAS SUTTON,
Town Clerk.

Record of the Annual Town Meeting

March 5, 1917

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Needham, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, was held in the town hall in said town, on Monday, March 5, A.D. 1917, at forty-five minutes past five o'clock in the forenoon.

The meeting was called to order by the moderator.

Voted to omit reading the articles in the warrant.

The town clerk read the return of the officer who notified and warned the inhabitants.

Article 1. Voted to proceed to vote for the following town officers: One moderator for one year, one town clerk for one year, three selectmen for one year, one overseer of the poor, for three years, one assessor for three years, one assessor for two years, one member of the board of health for three years, one town treasurer for one year, one collector of taxes for one year, two constables for one year, one member of the school committee for three years, one water commissioner for three years, two trustees of the public library for three years, one trustee of the public library for two years, one park commissioner for three years, one tree warden for one year, three members of the finance committee for three years, and upon the same ballot to vote "Yes" or "No" upon the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

The selectmen having appointed Francis J. Stanwood, Wallace G. Rae, James F. Ryan and Charles I. Ruggles as ballot clerks, they were sworn by the town clerk.

The ballots prepared for use at this election by the town

clerk were then delivered by him to the presiding officer and his receipt taken therefor.

Cards of instructions and specimen ballots were then posted as required by law.

The ballot box furnished by the commonwealth for use at elections was publicly opened by the moderator and shown to be empty. The box was then locked and the key delivered to George Twigg, the officer in attendance.

The polls were opened at fifty minutes past five o'clock in the forenoon, and were kept open until eight o'clock in the afternoon, when, as the meeting had previously voted, they were closed.

Voted to defer action on all articles except article one for the election of officers, and declaration of the result of the balloting, to an adjourned meeting to be held on Monday, March 19, 1917, at 7.30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Additional tellers were appointed by the town clerk and sworn by him, viz: J. Worth Brownville, Benjamin W. Chase, James E. Tisdale, Luke W. Keith, Daniel L. Smith, Bernard F. Whitaker, William A. Parks and Daniel J. Sullivan.

As the ballots were taken from the box they were audibly counted by the moderator, the whole number being 1134. The whole number cast by men voters was 780; the whole number cast by women votes was 354.

A canvass of all the votes given was made as required by law, the blanks furnished by the secretary of the commonwealth being used.

Upon the completion of the canvass of all votes cast, the result of the voting was declared by the town clerk to be as follows, viz:

FOR MODERATOR

William G. Moseley, 34 Dedham avenue	637
Blanks	143

and William G. Moseley was declared elected moderator for one year.

FOR TOWN CLERK

Thomas Sutton, 130 Warren street	676
Blanks	104

and Thomas Sutton was declared elected town clerk for one year, and

at the close of the town meeting was sworn by Samuel H. Wragg, justice of the peace.

FOR SELECTMEN

Robert B. Hill, 11 May street	614
David Murdoch, 43 Grant street	621
Samuel H. Wragg, 37 High street	668
Blanks	437

and Robert B. Hill, David Murdoch and Samuel H. Wragg were declared elected selectmen for one year.

FOR ASSESSOR FOR TWO YEARS

Henry Godfrey, Jr., 499 Highland avenue	371
George E. Mitchell, 51 Grant street	341
Blanks	68

and Henry Godfrey, Jr., was declared elected assessor for two years.

FOR ASSESSOR FOR THREE YEARS

George L. Kingsbury, Webster street	480
Theodore McIntosh, Great Plain avenue	244
Blanks	56

and George L. Kingsbury was declared elected assessor for three years

FOR OVERSEER OF THE POOR FOR THREE YEARS

Alfred T. Baker, Great Plain avenue	618
Blanks	162

and Alfred T. Baker was declared elected overseer of the poor for three years.

FOR TOWN TREASURER

Charles E. Stanwood, 133 Hillside avenue	637
Blanks	143

and Charles E. Stanwood was declared elected town treasurer for one year

FOR COLLECTOR OF TAXES

John L. Twigg, 14 Maple terrace	682
Blanks	98

and John L. Twigg was declared elected collector of taxes for one year.

FOR CONSTABLES

J. Percy Chambers, 28 Pine Grove street	319
Frederick D. Sutton, Great Plain avenue	415
George Twigg, 767 Webster street	553
Blanks	273

and Frederick D. Sutton and George Twigg were declared elected constables for one year.

FOR TREE WARDEN

Ernest E. Riley, Oak Crest Road	623
Blanks	157

and Ernest E. Riley was declared elected tree warden for one year.

FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS

George B. Haven, 704 Webster street	612
William G. Moseley, 34 Dedham avenue	511
Blanks	11

and George B. Haven was declared elected school committee for three years.

FOR WATER COMMISSIONER FOR THREE YEARS

William Carter, 45 Alfreton Road	586
Blanks	194

and William Carter was declared elected water commissioner for three years.

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR TWO YEARS

Leonard O. Packard, 68 Warren street	555
Blanks	225

and Leonard O. Packard was declared elected trustee of public library for two years.

FOR TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THREE YEARS

George K. Clarke, Nehoiden street	554
Austin H. Keyes, 65 Warren street	528
Blanks	478

and George K. Clarke and Austin H. Keyes were declared elected trustees of public library for three years.

FOR PARK COMMISSIONER FOR THREE YEARS

Preston Mitchell, 459 Highland avenue	614
Blanks	166

and Preston Mitchell was declared elected park commissioner for three years.

FOR BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THREE YEARS

J. Walter Schirmer, 108 Great Plain avenue	549
Blanks	231

and Walter J. Schirmer was declared elected board of health for three years.

FOR FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS

Benjamin H. Bicknell, 27 Garden street	386
Frank W. Gorse, 162 Hunnewell street	523
Alfred P. Hartshorn, 35 Central avenue	191
Rolla Edwin Healey, Glenwood Road	274
Alfred Parker, Marked Tree Road	404
Blanks	562

and Benjamin H. Bicknell, Frank W. Gorse and Alfred Parker were declared elected finance committee for three years.

Upon the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the

sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" the result was as follows, viz:

Yes	130
No	567
Blanks	83

After the result of the voting had been declared, the ballots cast, the undistributed ballots, and also the check lists were sealed up, endorsed by the election officers and placed in the custody of the town clerk.

Voted to adjourn to Monday evening, March 19, 1917, at 7.30 o'clock.

Adjourned.

Attest:

THOMAS SUTTON,
Town Clerk.

Adjourned Annual Town Meeting

March 19, 1917

Pursuant to adjournment, the inhabitants of the town of Needham qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, met in the town hall in said town, on Monday, March 19, 1917.

William G. Moseley, moderator, in the chair.

Article 2. Under this article the following town officers were elected:

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS, FENCE VIEWERS and TOWN AGENTS

David Murdoch, Samuel H. Wragg, Robert B. Hill, and David Murdoch, Samuel H. Wragg and Robert B. Hill were declared elected and were severally sworn by the town clerk.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER

Isaac A. Grant, Alfred Parker.

FIELD DRIVERS

George Twigg, Alexander Lynes, Charles A. Blackman.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK

James H. Whetton, Joseph Willett, Patrick J. Reid, Henry E. Poore, Armand J. Mathey, Patrick Gaughan, James E. Gaughan.

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Joseph Willett, James H. Whetton, Patrick J. Reid, Armand J. Mathey, Henry E. Poore, Arthur H. Whetton, Isaac Warren, John R. Nichols, Patrick Gaughan, Alexander McKay, James E. Gaughan, Frederick D. Sutton, Edith Loraine.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Frederick D. Sutton.

POUND KEEPER

Alger E. Eaton.

Article 3. Voted that the report of the finance committee be accepted and placed on file.

Voted that a committee of five be appointed by the moderator to investigate the Needham Water Department with full power and authorized by this meeting to examine all books of said department and to report at the next annual town meeting, and that ninety dollars ($90) be appropriated for use of this committee.

Article 4. Voted that the money received from dog licenses, be appropriated for use of the public library.

Article 5. Voted unanimously that the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1917, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year; any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Article 6. The following appropriations were made under this article, each item being voted on separately, viz:

For selectmen's department, seven hundred and fifty dollars ($750).

For accounting department, one thousand dollars ($1000).

For the treasurer's department, nine hundred and twenty-five dollars ($925).

For the tax collector's, one thousand dollars ($1,000).

†For the assessors', twenty-three hundred dollars ($2300); for salaries, thirteen hundred dollars; for plans, five hundred dollars; for incidentals, five hundred dollars.

For the town clerk's, four hundred and seventy-five dollars ($475).

For the finance committee, one hundred and fifty dollars ($150).

For election expenses, five hundred and fifty dollars ($550).

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† This item was reconsidered and changed at the adjourned meeting held March 26, 1917.

For care and maintenance of town hall, one thousand two hundred dollars ($1200), and an amount equal to receipts.

For police department, four thousand two hundred and fifty dollars ($4,250), and an amount equal to fines paid to the treasurer.

For fire department engineers' salaries, three hundred dollars ($300).

For fire department hydrant service, three thousand dollars ($3,000).

For fire department maintenance, forty-seven hundred and fifty dollars ($4,750), and an amount equal to receipts.

For fire alarm maintenance, two thousand dollars ($2,000).

For inspection, eleven hundred dollars ($1,100), and an amount equal to receipts.

For tree warden, seven hundred dollars ($700).

For board of health, ten hundred and fifty dollars ($1,050), and an amount equal to receipts.

For extermination of gypsy and brown-tail moth, thirty-nine hundred and fifteen dollars and thirteen cents ($3,915.13) and an amount equal to receipts.

For the suppression of gypsy and brown-tail moth on private estates, three thousand dollars ($3,000).

For forest warden, one hundred and forty-five dollars ($145).

For school department, fifty-five thousand three hundred and fifty dollars ($55,350) and the income from Dwight School Fund and an amount equal to the receipts.

For school physicians, three hundred dollars ($300).

For public library, thirty-two hundred and fifty dollars ($3,250), and an amount equal to the receipts.

For highways, twenty-one thousand dollars ($21,000), and an amount equal to the receipts from individuals, street railway and excise tax.

†Voted that there be appropriated for highway construction the sum of three thousand dollars, and the treasurer be authorized to borrow this amount, provided the Massachusetts Highway Commission and the County Commissioners allot the sum of fifteen hundred dollars for this work, as provided in sec. 4, chap. 719, of Acts of 1913, in anticipation of the amount which the state and county is to reimburse the town on account of highway construction.

For sidewalks, three thousand dollars ($3,000), and an amount equal to the receipts from individuals.

For the removal of snow, fifteen hundred dollars ($1,500).

For street lighting, nine thousand dollars ($9,000).

For relief and support of poor, fifty-five hundred dollars ($5,500), and an amount equal to the receipts.

For fish and game warden, twenty-five dollars ($25).

For removing and erecting stone-crusher, fifteen hundred dollars ($1,500).

For soldiers' relief, seven hundred dollars ($700).

For state and military aid, thirteen hundred dollars ($1,300).

For park commissioners, seven hundred dollars ($700).

For Memorial Day, one hundred fifty dollars ($150).

For printing and distribution of town reports, by-laws and plumbing laws, expense of dog officer and certification of town notes, thirteen hundred and fifty dollars ($1,350).

For unpaid bills for the year 1916, thirty-eight hundred dollars ($3,800).

For reserve fund, one thousand dollars ($1,000.)

For interest on temporary loans, twenty-five hundred dollars ($2,500).

For interest on general loans, sixty-six hundred, seventy-five dollars ($6,675).

For municipal indebtedness, sixteen thousand five hundred dollars ($16,500).

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† This item was reconsidered and changed at the adjourned meeting held March 26, 1917.

For insurance, fifteen hundred dollars ($1,500).

Voted that the finance committee take into consideration the expediency of turning all fees or money whatsover, coming to the town or received by its officers to be turned into the town treasury, and report to the town at the next town meeting.

Article 7. Voted that the unexpended balance for the year 1916 be turned into the treasury, and same applied toward the appropriation of thirty-eight hundred dollars for unpaid bills of 1916, and that the unexpended balances for 1917 be appropriated to pay deficiencies for 1917.

Article 8. Voted, that all poll and personal property taxes shall be payable on demand, and all other taxes on or before the first day of October. Interest at the rate of 6% per annum shall be charged from October 15th, on all taxes not paid on or before the first day of November. The collector shall use the means provided by law for the collection of all taxes remaining unpaid after the first day of December.

(The above shall be printed on the tax bills.)

The collector of taxes shall have the same power which the treasurer would have when acting as collector.

If, in the judgment of the collector, in consequence of removal, or any other circumstance, any tax should be collected before the first of October, he is fully authorized to serve his warrant in the collection of such tax at any time. The collector shall gurantee the full amount of all taxes legally assessed and committed to him for collection and shall be held to pay the town treasurer for same, with any interest that may acerue thereon (except such sums as may be abated by the assessors); he shall pay the said taxes and interest from time to time, as he collects the same, and shall pay the full amount of all taxes committed to him, with the accrued interest, according to statute requirement.

The tax collector shall receive three-fifths of one per cent of the tax warrant for collection of the taxes for the year 1917 payable monthly as and when same are collected, ex-

cept there shall always be reserved twenty per cent of the amount due him until the total warrant is collected, when the balance shall be paid him; this compensation shall include all expenses.

Article 9. Report of the committee appointed by the moderator at town meeting, Sept. 5, 1916, received and placed on file.

Voted that the selectmen be and hereby are authorized and instructed to sign, seal, execute and deliver to the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, a deed to an easement in a strip of land not exceeding sevty-seven thousand square feet adjoining the railroad location and Great Plain avenue, and being a part of the water reservation, so called, and near the bridge on Great Plain avenue; said easement to consist of the same rights which the railroad company would acquire if it located upon and took said land by eminent domain for depot and station purposes.

Article 10. Voted that the town authorize the selectmen to install three or more lights on a way called Melrose avenue.

Article 11. Voted that two hundred dollars ($200) be appropriated for paid supervision of boys' and girls' clubs formed for co-operative extension work in agriculture and home economics, to be spent under the direction of the school committee.

Article 12. Dismissed.

Article 13. Voted to accept Chapter 59 of the Acts of 1916.

†Voted that the annual town meeting for the election of officers, and such other matters as may be voted for on the official ballot, be held on the first Monday of March in each year, and the annual meeting for the transaction of all other business be held on the third Monday in March.

† This item was reconsidered and changed at the adjourned meeting held March 26, 1917.

Article 14. Voted that the sum of four hundred dollars ($400) be appropriated for supervision of the Avery school playground for the season of 1917, and that the same be expended under the direction of the selectmen.

Voted that a sum not to exceed fifty-five hundred dollars ($5,500) be appropriated for purchase of a motor fire apparatus, same to be expended under the direction of a committee consisting of one member of the fire engineers, board of selectmen and finance committee, each to be selected by its own board.

Voted to adjourn to Monday, March 26th, 1917, at 7.30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Adjourned.

Attest:
THOMAS SUTTON,
Town Clerk.

Adjourned Annual Town Meeting

March 26, 1917

Pursuant to adjournment, the inhabitants of the town of Needham, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, met in the town hall, in said town, on Monday, March 26, A. D. 1917, at thirty minutes past seven o'clock in the afternoon, William G. Moseley, moderator, in the chair.

At the opening of the meeting Hon. Emery Grover addressed the citizens of the town, calling attention to the state of the country and the possibility of war with European powers in the near future, urging the necessity of supporting the President, in this hour of danger, to the extent of our ability, and presented the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, The German Imperial Government has forbidden the citizens of the United States the exercise of their lawful rights on the high seas, and has, without cause. sacrificed American lives thereon; and

WHEREAS, The President has severed diplomatic relations with that government, and called Congress to take further action thereon; therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the citizens of Needham, Massachusetts, in annual town meeting assembled:

FIRST, That we commend the President for his action in severing diplomatic relations, and in further steps he has taken for the protection and preservation of American lives on land and sea.

SECOND, That we assure the President and our representatives in Congress of our unqualified support in any measures that they may deem necessary for the preservation of life and the vindication of national honor.

THIRD, That a committee of fifteen be appointed by the Honorable Board of Selectmen to be a committee on public safety to co-operate with the state committee of public safety, in furtherance of the principles of freedom and humanity. Be it further

RESOLVED, That these resolutions be spread upon the town records, and a copy thereof be forwarded to the President, Woodrow Wilson, and the Senators and Congressmen of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Article 6. Voted to reconsider the salaries of the assessors as voted at the last meeting.

Voted that the sum of eighteen hundred dollars ($1,800) be appropriated for salaries of the assessors for the year 1917. The chairman to receive six hundred dollars, the secretary eight hundred dollars and the other member four hundred dollars.

Voted, to reconsider the appropriation of three thousand dollars for highway construction, provided by section 4, of chapter 719, of Acts of 1913, as voted at the last meeting.

Voted that there be appropriated for highway construction, the sum of three thousand dollars, and the treasurer be authorized to borrow this amount, provided the Massachusetts Highway Commission and County Commissioners allot the sum of fifteen hundred dollars each for this work, as provided in section 4, chapter 719, of Acts of 1913, in anticipation of the amount which the state and county is to reimburse the town on account of highway construction.

Article 13. Voted to reconsider vote taken under this article whereby the date of the annual town meeting was fixed.

Voted that the annual town meeting for the election of officers and such other matters as may be voted for on the official ballot be held on the second Monday, and the annual meeting for the transaction of all other business be held on the third Monday of March in each year.

Article 16. Voted that Manson Road as laid out by the

selectmen be accepted. The provisions of section 71, of chapter 48, of the Revised Laws not having been complied with, the foregoing vote is of no effect.

Article 17. Motion under this article not carried.

Article 18. Dismissed.

Article 19. Motion under this article not carried.

Article 20. Dismissed.

Article 21. Voted to appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars ($200) to be used by the Park Commissioners for the purpose of investigating, surveying and securing options on various parcels of land for parks, playgrounds and public reservations, on petition of the Park Commissioners.

Article 22. Dismissed.

Article 23. Voted that the sum of five hundred dollars ($500) and an amount equal to receipts be appropriated for tuition of pupils in vocational schools.

Article 24. Voted that the selectmen cause five hundred copies of the valuation list to be printed, a copy to be furnished any citizen on application to the town clerk.

Article 25. Voted that the town appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars ($150) for the collection and disposal of garbage, the same to be expended under the supervision of the board of health.

Article 26. Voted unanimously that the sum of one thousand dollars ($1,000) be appropriated for use toward the maintenance and operation of the Glover Home and Hospital for the coming year.

Article 27. Voted that the selectmen shall cause the financial and other reports of town officers and committees to be printed and distributed as soon as possible after the first day of January, 1918, and that the head of every department, board or committee authorized to expend money shall at the close of the fiscal year, furnish the town accountant, for incorporation in his annual report, a list of all outstanding liabilities of such board or committee, the same be submitted to competitive bidders.

Voted, that the town clerk cause to be printed official copies of the proceedings of this meeting, one of which he shall send to each officer of the town within two weeks after the final adjournment of this meeting, and shall deliver one copy to any voter or tax payer in the town who may apply for it, and shall furnish copies of the record of each and every town meeting held during the year for printing, so that they may be bound with the annual report of the town officers.

Voted that this meeting be dissolved (11.25 P. M.) Dissolved.

Attest:

THOMAS SUTTON,
Town Clerk.

March 30, under article 3, the moderator appointed Benj. H. Bicknell, Philip B. Walker, G. Waldo Crawley, Leonard Dawson, John F. Gilfoil.

THOMAS SUTTON,
Town Clerk.

OFFICERS QUALIFIED

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

NORFOLK, ss.

Personally appeared before me on the dates set against their several names, the following persons who were elected March 5, 1917, and made oath that they would faithfully discharge the duties of the office to which they were respectively elected.

1917

March 5. David Murdoch, selectman.
March 5. Samuel H. Wragg, selectman.
March 5. Robert B. Hill, selectman.
March 5. Henry Godfrey, Jr., assessor (statute oath.)
March 5. Geo. L. Kingsbury, assessor (statute oath.)
March 5. Alfred T. Baker, overseer of the poor.
March 5. Charles E. Stanwood, treasurer.
March 5. John L. Twigg, tax collector.
March 5. George Twigg, constable.
March 6. Frederick D. Sutton, constable.
March 12. William G. Moseley, moderator.
March 19. Preston Mitchell, park commissioner.
March 19. J. Walter Schirmer, M. D., board of health.
March 19. J. H. Whetton, measurer of wood and bark.
March 19. James H. Whetton, public weigher.
March 19. Arthur H. Whetton, public weigher.
March 22. Ernest E. Riley, tree warden.
March 24. Patrick J. Reid, measurer of wood and bark.
March 24. Patrick J. Reid, public weigher.
March 24. George Twigg, field driver.
March 26. Henry E. Poor, measurer of wood and bark.
March 26. Henry E. Poor, public weigher.
March 26. Joseph Willett, measurer of wood and bark.
March 26. Joseph Willett, public weigher.
March 26. Isaac A. Grant, surveyor of lumber.
March 27. Alexander Lynes, field driver.
March 27. Alfred Parker, surveyor of lumber.
March 27. Alexander McKay, public weigher.
March 30. Armand J. Mathey, measurer of wood and bark.
March 30. Armand J. Mathey, public weigher.
March 31. Edith Loraine, public weigher.

THOMAS SUTTON,
Town Clerk.

WARRANT FOR CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION PRIMARY

April 3, 1917

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Norfolk, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Needham, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to meet in the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday, the third day of April, 1917, at four o'clock p. m., for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the Primary officers for the nomination of candidates for delegates to the Constitutional Convention:

Thirty-two delegates-at-large.

Eight delegates from Congressional District (thirteenth Congressional District).

Two delegates from Representative District (first Norfolk Representative District).

All the above candidates are to be voted for upon one ballot.

Each voter may vote only for sixteen candidates at large, four candidates by Congressional District, and one candidate by Representative District.

The polls will be open from four to eight p. m.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof seven days at least before the time of said meeting as directed by vote of the town.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of March, A. D. 1917.

David Murdoch,
Samuel H. Wragg,
Robert B. Hill,
Selectmen of Needham.

OFFICER'S RETURN

Norfolk, ss.

Needham, March 23, 1917.

By virtue of this warrant I have this day notified and warned the inhabitants of the town of Needham to meet as within directed, by posting true and attested copies of this warrant in twenty public places in said town more than seven days before the time of holding said meeting.

GEORGE TWIGG,
Constable of Needham.

A true copy of warrant and officer's return.

Attest: THOMAS SUTTON,
Town Clerk.

RECORD OF STATE PRIMARY

To nominate delegates for Constitutional Convention

APRIL 3, 1917

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Needham qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs was held in the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday, the third day of April, in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, at four o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of nominating delegates to the Constitutional Convention.

The meeting was called to order by David Murdoch, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

The warrant and officer's return was read by the Town Clerk.

The Selectmen having previously appointed Charles I. Ruggles, Dana L. Southworth, Robert A. Pidgeon, and Charles J. McCormack as ballot clerks, they were severally sworn by the Town Clerk.

The package of ballots received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth was delivered to the presiding officer and a receipt taken therefor.

Cards of instruction and specimen ballots were posted as required by law.

The ballot box was publicly opened and shown to be empty, then locked and the key given to George Twigg, officer in attendance at the polls.

The polls were opened for the reception of ballots at two minutes past four in the afternoon, and were kept open until eight o'clock in the evening.

Additional tellers were appointed by the presiding officer, viz.: J. Percy Chambers, Frank C. Rogers, William W. Hewett, and Gordon W. Herdman, and were severally sworn by the Town Clerk.

At the close of the polls the ballot box register stood at 456.

As the ballots were taken from the box they were audibly counted by the presiding officer and announced as 456, which agreed with the check lists kept by the ballot clerks.

A canvass of all the votes cast was made, the whole number being duly sorted and recorded, and public announcement was made by the Town Clerk and was as follows, viz.:

For Delegates-at-Large

Charles Francis Adams of Concord	333
George W. Anderson of Brookline	199
William G. Andrew of Somerville	71
Albert S. Apsey of Cambridge	159
Charles J. Barton of Melrose	143
John L. Bates of Brookline	338
Addison P. Bearsdley of Boston	55
William H. Brooks of Holyoke	166
Walter A. Buie of Boston	49
Harvey S. Chase of Brookline	108
Charles F. Choate, Jr., of Southborough	248
Charles W. Clifford of New Bedford	89
George W. Coleman of Boston	172
Louis A. Coolidge of Milton	247
John W. Cummings of Fall River	155
Edwin U. Curtis of Boston	242
Samuel R. Cutler of Revere	33
Arthur W. DeGoosh of Boston	12
Daniel E. Denny of Worcester	20
Daniel R. Donovan of Springfield	36

George H. Doty of Waltham 154
Hugh P. Drysdale of North Adams 15
Frank E. Dunbar of Lowell 121
Samuel J. Elder of Winchester 255
Wilmot R. Evans, Jr., of Everett 132
Eugene N. Foss of Boston 164
Harry A. Garfield of Williamstown 74
Ralph W. Gloag of Boston 13
Gurdon W. Gordon of Springfield 32
Matthew Hale of Boston 153
Arthur D. Hill of Boston 119
Walter S. Hutchins of Greenfield 52
Patrick H. Jennings of Boston 40
Lewis J. Johnson of Cambridge 61
Abbott Lawrence Lowell of Cambridge 213
Nathan Matthews of Boston 185
James T. Moriarty of Boston 42
Joseph C. Pelletier of Boston 93
Josiah Quincy of Boston 172
Clarence W. Rowley of Boston 32
John Weaver Sherman of Boston 56
James A. Stiles of Gardner 32
Moorfield Storey of Lincoln 155
Charles B. Strecker of Boston 44
Wendell Phillips Thoré of Boston 27
Whitfield L. Tuck of Winchester 26
Joseph Walker of Brookline 187
David I. Walsh of Fitchburg 136
Robert M. Washburn of Worcester 73
Sherman L. Whipple of Brookline 198
Lombard Williams of Dedham 112
George H. Wrenn of Springfield 57

For Delegates to Constitutional Convention — Thirteenth Congressional District

Frederick L. Anderson of Newton 212
Charles S. Bird, Jr., of Walpole 272
George E. Brock of Boston 63
Courtenay Crocker of Sudbury 83
Daniel J. Daley of Brookline 44
Henry S. Dennison of Framingham 94

Frederick P. Fish of Brookline	120
Nathaniel A. Francis of Brookline	48
Walton A. Green of Weston	89
Walter Hartstone of Boston	15
Robert Luce of Waltham	257
Samuel L. Powers of Newton	221

Delegate to Constitutional Convention—First Norfolk Representative District

James H. Chisell of Dedham	14
Edward William Finn of Dedham	7
Henry M. Hutchings of Dedham	28
Harold W. Loker of Needham	351
James P. Roberts of Dedham	26

The business of the meeting being completed, all the ballots cast, the undistributed ballots, and also the check lists were sealed up and endorsed by the election officers and placed in the custody of the Town Clerk. The returns of votes were signed by the Town Clerk and sealed up in open town-meeting.

At 11.35 voted that this meeting be dissolved.

Dissolved.

Attest: THOMAS SUTTON,
Town Clerk.

WARRANT FOR ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

May 1, 1917

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Norfolk, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Needham, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Special Election to meet in the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday, the first day of May, 1917, at eleven-thirty o'clock in the forenoon, for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the Special Election officers for the election of delegates to the Constitutional Convention: sixteen delegates-at-large, four delegates from Congressional District (thirteenth Congressional District), one delegate from Representative District (first Norfolk Representative District). All the above delegates are to be voted for upon one ballot. Each voter may vote only for sixteen delegates-at-large, four delegates by the Congressional District, and one delegate by the Representative District.

The polls will be open from eleven-thirty a.m. to eight o'clock p.m.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof seven days at least before the time of said meeting as directed by vote of the town.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this seventeenth day of April, A.D. 1917.

David Murdoch,
Samuel H. Wragg,
Robert B. Hill,
Selectmen of Needham.

OFFICER'S RETURN

Norfolk, ss.

Needham, April 23, 1917.

By virtue of this warrant I have this day notified and warned the inhabitants of the town of Needham to meet as within directed, by posting true and attested copies of this warrant in twenty public places in said town more than seven days before the time of holding said meeting.

GEORGE TWIGG,
Constable of Needham.

A true copy of warrant and officer's return.

THOMAS SUTTON,
Town Clerk.

RECORD OF STATE ELECTION FOR THE ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

MAY 1, A.D. 1917

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Needham qualified to vote in elections was held in the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday, May first, in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, at thirty minutes past eleven in the forenoon.

The meeting was called to order by Daniel Murdoch, Chairman of the Selectmen. Warrant and officer's return was read by the Town Clerk. The Selectmen having appointed Dana L. Southworth, Charles J. McCormack, James Ford, and Bernard F. Whittaker as ballot clerks, they were sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties.

The ballots received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth for use at this election were delivered to the presiding officer and his receipt taken therefor.

Cards of instruction and specimen ballots were posted as required by law. Additional tellers were appointed by the Selectmen and sworn by the Town Clerk as follows, viz.:

Luke W. Keith, George E. Mitchell, Dennis Sullivan, Frank I. Brown, William F. Leach, Leonard Dawson, Everett Totman, and Thomas R. Quinlan.

The ballot box was publicly opened and shown to be empty, then locked and the key given to George Twigg, officer in attendance at the polls. The polls were opened at thirty-five minutes past eleven in the forenoon, and were kept open until eight o'clock in the evening.

As the ballots were taken from the box they were audibly counted by the presiding election officer and announced as six hundred and fourteen, which agreed with the number of names checked by the ballot clerks.

A canvass of all the votes was made by the election officers, the blank forms furnished by the Secretary of the Commonwealth being used. Upon completion of the canvass of all votes cast, public announcement thereof was made by the Town Clerk and was as follows, viz.:

For Delegates-at-Large

Charles Francis Adams of Concord	445
George W. Anderson of Brookline	306
Albert S. Apsey of Cambridge	283
Charles J. Barton of Melrose	269
John L. Bates of Brookline	457
William H. Brooks of Holyoke	280
Walter A. Buie of Boston	146
Charles F. Choate, Jr., of Southborough	366
Charles W. Clifford of New Bedford	243
George W. Coleman of Boston	311
Louis A. Coolidge of Milton	374
John W. Cummings of Fall River	307
Edwin U. Curtis of Boston	408
Daniel R. Donovan of Springfield	122
Frank E. Dunbar of Lowell	218
Samuel J. Elder of Winchester	360
Wilmot R. Evans, Jr., of Everett	242
Eugene N. Foss of Boston	262
Matthew Hale of Boston	307
Arthur D. Hill of Boston	222
Patrick H. Jennings of Boston	113
Abbott Lawrence Lowell of Cambridge	357

Nathan Matthews of Boston	293
James T. Moriarty of Boston	111
Joseph C. Pelletier of Boston	164
Josiah Quincy of Boston	232
Moorfield Storey of Lincoln	349
Charles B. Strecker of Boston	124
Joseph Walker of Brookline	338
David I. Walsh of Fitchburg	215
Sherman L. Whipple of Brookline	310
George H. Wrenn of Springfield	187
Blanks	1,103

Thirteenth Congressional District

Frederick L. Anderson of Newton	344
Charles S. Bird, Jr., of Walpole	374
Daniel J. Daley of Brookline	100
Henry S. Dennison of Framingham	142
Frederick P. Fish of Brookline	251
Walton A. Green of Weston	243
Robert Luce of Waltham	377
Samuel L. Powers of Newton	331
Blanks	294

First Norfolk Representative District

Henry M. Hutchings of Dedham	146
Harold W. Loker of Needham	435
Blanks	33

The business of the meeting being completed, all the ballots cast, the undistributed ballots, and also the check lists were sealed up by the election officers and placed in the custody of the Town Clerk.

The returns of votes were signed by the Selectmen, attested by the Town Clerk, and sealed up in open town-meeting.

At eleven forty-five in the afternoon, voted that this meeting be dissolved.

Dissolved.

Attest: THOMAS SUTTON,
Town Clerk.

WARRANT FOR STATE PRIMARY

September 25, 1917

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Norfolk, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Needham, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to meet in the Town Hall Tuesday, the twenty-fifth day of September, 1917, at four o'clock p.m., for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the Primary officers for the nomination of candidates of political parties for the following offices:

Governor for this Commonwealth; Lieutenant-Governor for this Commonwealth; Secretary of the Commonwealth for this Commonwealth; Treasurer and Receiver General for this Commonwealth; Auditor of the Commonwealth for this Commonwealth; Attorney-General for this Commonwealth; Councilor for 2d Councilor District; Senator for Norfolk Senatorial District; Representative in General Court for 1st Norfolk Representative District; County Commissioner for Norfolk County; Register of Deeds to fill vacancy for Norfolk County; and for the election of the following officers: District member of State Committee for each political party for the Norfolk Senatorial District; nine members of the Democratic Town Committee; fifteen members of the Republican Town Committee; delegates to State Conventions of political parties.

All the above candidates and officers are to be voted for upon one ballot.

The polls will be open from four to eight p.m.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof seven days at least before the time of said meeting as directed by vote of the town.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of September, A.D. 1917.

DAVID MURDOCH,
SAMUEL H. WRAGG,
ROBERT B. HILL,
Selectmen of Needham.

OFFICER'S RETURN

Norfolk, ss.

Needham, September 17, 1917.

By virtue of this warrant I have this day notified and warned the inhabitants of the town of Needham to meet as within directed, by posting true and attested copies of this warrant in twenty public places in said town more than seven days before the time of holding said meeting.

GEORGE TWIGG,
Constable of Needham.

A true copy of warrant and officer's return.

Attest:

THOMAS SUTTON,
Town Clerk.

RECORD OF STATE PRIMARY

SEPTEMBER 25, 1917

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Needham qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs was held in the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday, the twenty-fifth day of September, in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, at four o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of nominating candidates for state and county officers, and to elect members of the state and town committees and delegates to the State Convention.

The meeting was called to order by David Murdoch, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

Voted, to omit reading the warrant.

The Selectmen having previously appointed Luke W. Keith, James Ford, George E. Mitchell, and Dana L. Southworth as ballot clerks, they were severally sworn by the Town Clerk.

The package of ballots received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, containing 1,300 ballots marked Republican, and 1,300 ballots marked Democratic, were delivered to the ballot clerks and their receipts taken therefor.

Cards of instruction and specimen ballots were posted as required by law.

The ballot box was publicly opened and shown to be empty, then locked and the key given to George Twigg, the officer in attendance at the polls. The polls were opened for the reception of ballots at three minutes past four o'clock in the afternoon and in pursuance with the warrant were kept open until eight o'clock in the evening. As the ballots were taken from the box they were audibly counted by the presiding election officer and announced as one hundred and fifty-four, which agreed with the number of names checked by the ballot clerks.

Nine ballots marked Democratic, and one hundred and forty-five marked Republican were duly sorted and counted separately, and public anouncement thereof was made by the Town Clerk in open meeting, and was as follows, viz.:

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

For Governor

Frederick W. Mansfield of Boston 9

For Lieutenant-Governor

Matthew Hale of Boston 2

For Secretary

Arthur B. Reed of Abington 2

For Treasurer

Humphrey O'Sullivan of Lowell 2

For Auditor

Elzéar H. Choquette of New Bedford 2

For Attorney-General

Josiah Quincy of Boston 2

For Delegates to State Convention

Colin Rae of 396 Central Avenue 3

For Town Committee

William T. Wilson of 26 Mellen Street 6
John F. Gilfoil of Maple Street 6
Charles M. Donahue of Marshall Street 7
Colin Rae of 396 Central Avenue 5
William P. Crowley of Central Avenue 5
James Ford of Nehoiden Street 7
Albert E. Collishaw of 489 Central Avenue 4
John J. Casey of 246 Hillside Avenue 6
William F. Casey of 186 Warren Street 7

REPUBLICAN PARTY

For Governor

Grafton D. Cushing of Boston 47
Samuel W. McCall of Winchester 96

For Lieutenant-Governor

Calvin Coolidge of Northampton 123

For Secretary

Albert P. Langtry of Springfield 126

For Treasurer

Charles L. Burrill of Boston 128

For Auditor

Charles Bruce of Everett 41
Alonzo B. Cook of Boston 92

For Attorney-General

Henry C. Attwill of Lynn 112
Conrad W. Crooker of Brookline 18

For Councilor — Second District

Richard F. Andrews of Boston 114

For Senator — Norfolk District

Harold L. Perrin of Wellesley 116

For Representative in General Court — First Norfolk District

John A. Hirsch of Dedham 117

For County Commissioner — Norfolk

John F. Merrill of Quincy	116

For Register of Deeds — Norfolk County

Walter W. Chambers of Dedham	118
Frank A. Tirrell of Quincy	9

For State Committee — Norfolk District

Harlie E. Thompson of Plainville	112

For Delegates to State Convention

Horace A. Carter of 502 Highland Avenue	122
Charles E. Stanwood of 133 Hillside Avenue	119
Arthur G. Curren of 756 Webster Street	121
Henry Godfrey, Jr., 499 Highland Avenue	119
Samuel H. Wragg of 37 High Street	122
Frank I. Sewall of 170 Chestnut Street	123

For Town Committee

Samuel H. Wragg of 37 High Street	117
Henry Godfrey, Jr., of 499 Highland Avenue	114
Arthur G. Curren of 756 Webster Street	118
Frank I. Sewall of 170 Chestnut Street	114
Avard R. Belyea of 15 Charles River Street	118
Henry D. Blackman of Greendale Avenue	115
George W. Holt of 67 Pickering Street	116
Dana L. Southworth of 5 Lincoln Street	116
Wallace G. Rae of 3 Cottage Avenue	114
William F. Leach of 791 Webster Street	116
Arthur G. Johnson of 143 Manning Street	116
Bernard F. Whitaker	3
Philip A. Rand	3
James M. McCracken	9
Scattering	6

The business of the meeting being completed, all the ballots cast and the undistributed ballots were sealed up and endorsed by the election officers and placed in the custody of the Town Clerk.

At 10.30 p.m. voted that this meeting be dissolved.

Dissolved.

Attest: THOMAS SUTTON,

Town Clerk.

September 25, 1917.

Benjamin H. Bicknell resigned as a member of the Finance Committee, and also of the committee to investigate the Water Department, and Leonard Damson resigned as a member of the committee to investigate the Water Department.

The Moderator, William G. Moseley, made the following appointments to fill vacancies: Llewellyn W. Stevens, member of the Finance Committee, to hold office until the March election; Philip A. Rand and Arthur W. Atkinson, members of the committee to investigate the Water Department in place of Messrs. Bicknell and Dawson.

THOMAS SUTTON,

Town Clerk.

WARRANT FOR STATE ELECTION

November 6, 1917

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Norfolk, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Needham, in said County, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Needham qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday, the sixth day of November next, at five forty-five in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes for the following State and County officers, viz.:

Governor; Lieutenant-Governor; Secretary; Treasurer; Auditor; Attorney-General; Councilor; Senator; Representative in General Court; County Commissioner; Register of Deeds, and to vote on the following questions, to wit:

Article of Amendment Number One

The General Court shall have power to provide by law for voting by qualified voters of the Commonwealth who, at the time of an election, are absent from the city or town of which they are inhabitants, in the choice of any officer to be elected, or upon any question submitted at such election.

Article of Amendment Number Two

Article XVIII Section 1. No law shall be passed prohibiting the free exercise of religion.

Section 2. All moneys raised by taxation in the towns and cities for the support of public schools and all moneys which may be appropriated by the Commonwealth for the support of common schools shall be applied to and expended in no other schools than those which are conducted according to law, under the order and superintendence of the authorities of the town or city in which the money is expended; and no grant, appropriation, or use of public money or property or loan of public credit shall be made or authorized by the Commonwealth or any political division thereof for the purpose of founding, maintaining, or aiding any school or institution of learning, whether under public control or otherwise, wherein any denominational doctrine is inculcated, or any other school, or any college infirmary, hospital, institution, or educational, charitable, or religious undertaking which is not publicly owned and under the exclusive control,

order, and superintendence of public officers or public agents, authorized by the Commonwealth or federal authority or both, except that appropriations may be made for the maintenance and support of the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts, and for free public libraries in any city or town, and to carry out legal obligations, if any, already entered into; and no such grant, appropriation, or use of public money or property or loan of public credit shall be made or authorized for the purpose of founding, maintaining, or aiding any church, religious denomination or society.

Section 3. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the Commonwealth, or any political division thereof, from paying to privately controlled hospitals, infirmaries, or institutions for the deaf, dumb, or blind not more than the ordinary and reasonable compensation for care or support actually rendered or furnished by such hospitals, infirmaries, or institutions to such persons as may be in whole or in part unable to support or care for themselves.

Section 4. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to deprive any inmate of a publicly controlled reformatory, penal or charitable institution of the opportunity of religious exercises therein of his own faith; but no inmate of such institution shall be compelled to attend religious services or receive religious instruction against his will, or, if a minor, without the consent of his parent or guardian.

Section 5. This amendment shall not take effect until the October first next succeeding its ratification and adoption by the people.

Article of Amendment Number Three

The maintenance and distribution at reasonable rates, during time of war, public exigency, emergency, or distress, of a sufficient supply of food and other common necessaries of life and the providing of shelter are public functions, and the Commonwealth and the cities and towns therein may take and may provide the same for their inhabitants in such manner as the General Court shall determine.

The polls may close at four o'clock in the afternoon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in not less than twenty public places in said town at least seven days before the time of said meeting, and also to leave a copy at each of the several dwelling houses within the town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, unto ourselves, on or before said day and hour.

Given under our hands at Needham aforesaid, this twenty-sixth day of October, A.D. nineteen hundred and seventeen.

David Murdoch,
Samuel H. Wragg,
Robert B. Hill,
Selectmen of Needham.

OFFICER'S RETURN

Norfolk, ss.

Needham, October 27, 1917.

By virtue of this warrant I have this day notified and warned the inhabitants of the town of Needham to meet as within directed, by posting true and attested copies of this warrant in twenty public places in said town more than seven days before the time of holding said meeting.

GEORGE TWIGG,
Constable of Needham.

A true copy of warrant and officer's return.

THOMAS SUTTON,
Town Clerk.

RECORD OF STATE ELECTION

NOVEMBER 6, 1917

In pursuance of the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of the town of Needham qualified to vote in State elections met in the Town Hall on Tuesday, the sixth day of November, in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, at forty-five minutes past five o'clock in the forenoon, and were called to order by David Murdoch, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

Voted, to omit reading the warrant.

Officer's return was read by the Town Clerk.

The Selectmen having appointed James Ford, Luke W. Keith, James F. Ryan, and George E. Mitchell as ballot clerks, they were severally sworn by the Town Clerk.

The package containing ballots received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth was then delivered to the ballot clerks, and their receipts taken therefor.

Cards of instruction and specimen ballots were posted as required by law.

The ballot box was publicly opened and shown to be empty, then locked and the key given to George Twigg, officer in attendance at the polls.

The polls were opened for the reception of ballots at fifty minutes past five o'clock in the forenoon, and kept open till

thirty-minutes past six o'clock in the afternoon, when as had been previously voted they were closed.

Tellers were appointed by the Selectmen and sworn by the Town Clerk, as follows: Albert E. Colleshaw, John Walker, Dana L. Southworth, Walter L. Slaney, George G. Smith, Harry E. Slaney, Joseph W. Farwell, Jr., and William C. Payne.

At the opening of the polls the ballot box register stood at 000.

As the ballots were taken from the box they were audibly counted by the presiding election officer and announced as eight hundred and seventeen, which agreed with the number of names checked on the list kept by the ballot clerks.

Upon completion of the canvass of all votes cast, the whole number being duly sorted, counted, and recorded, public announcement thereof was made by the Town Clerk in open meeting, and was as follows, viz.:

For Governor

James Hayes of Plymouth, three.
Chester R. Lawrence of Boston, ten.
Frederick W. Mansfield of Boston, one hundred and four.
Samuel W. McCall of Winchester, six hundred and sixty-seven.
John McCarty of Abington, twenty-one.
Blanks, twelve.

For Lieutenant-Governor

Calvin Coolidge of Northampton, six hundred and forty-one.
Matthew Hale of Boston, one hundred and twenty-eight.
Sylvester J. McBride of Watertown, twenty-two.
Fred E. Oelcher of Peabody, three.
Blanks, twenty-three.

For Secretary

Herbert S. Brown of Greenfield, twenty-five.
Albert P. Langtry of Springfield, six hundred and fifty-three.
Ingvar Paulsen of Boston, seven.
Arthur B. Reed of Abington, eighty-three.
Marion E. Sproule of Lowell, twenty-three.
Blanks, twenty-six.

For Treasurer

Charles L. Burrill of Boston, six hundred and seventy-four.
Solon Lovett of Beverly, eight.

Joseph A. Murphy of Lowell, twenty-two.
Humphrey O'Sullivan of Lowell, eighty-two.
Mary E. Peterson of Somerville, five.
Blanks, twenty-six.

For Auditor

Elzéar H. Choquette of New Bedford, ninety-six.
Alonzo B. Cook of Boston, six hundred and thirty-one.
David Craig of Milford, three.
Walter S. Peck of Stockbridge, twenty-two.
Henry G. Smith, Jr., of Somerville, seventeen.
Blanks, forty-eight.

For Attorney-General

Henry C. Attwill of Lynn, six hundred and forty-eight.
Frank Auchter of Belmont, eighteen.
William R. Henry of Lynn, nineteen.
Thomas J. Maher of Medford, none.
Josiah Quincy of Boston, ninety-six.
Blanks, thirty-six.

For Councilor — Second District

Richard F. Andrews of Boston, six hundred and seventy-two.
Blanks, one hundred and forty-five.

For Senator — Norfolk District

Harold L. Perrin of Wellesley, six hundred and seventy-two.
Blanks, one hundred and forty-five.

For Representative in General Court — First Norfolk District

John A. Hirsch of Dedham, six hundred and twenty-nine.
John W. Leonard of Dedham, one hundred and thirty.
Blanks, fifty-eight.

For County Commissioner — Norfolk County

John F. Merrill of Quincy, six hundred and seventy-two.
Blanks, one hundred and forty-five.

For Register of Deeds — Norfolk County
(To fill vacancy)

Walter W. Chambers of Dedham, six hundred and sixty-one.
Blanks, one hundred and fifty-six.

For the proposed amendments to the constitution:

No. 1

"Shall the following Article of Amendment relative to absentee voting, submitted by the Constitutional Convention, be approved and ratified?

Yes, six hundred and fourteen.
No, ninety-six.
Blanks, one hundred and seven.

Article of Amendment

The General Court shall have power to provide by law for voting by qualified voters of the Commonwealth who, at the time of an election, are absent from the city or town of which they are inhabitants, in the choice of any officer to be elected or upon any question submitted at such election.

No. 2

In place of Article 18 of the Articles of Amendment of the Constitution, shall the following Article of Amendment relative to appropriations for educational and benevolent purposes, submitted by the Constitutional Convention, be aproved and ratified?

Yes, six hundred and forty-seven.
No, one hundred and twenty-two.
Blanks, forty-eight.

Article of Amendment

Article XVIII. Section 1. No law shall be passed prohibiting the free exercise of religion.

Section 2. All moneys raised by taxation in the towns and cities for the support of public schools and all moneys which may be appropriated by the Commonwealth for the support of common schools shall be applied to and expended in no other schools than those which are conducted according to law, under the order and superintendence of the authorities of the town or city in which the money is expended; and no grant, appropriation, or use of public money or property or loan of public credit shall be made or authorized by the Commonwealth or any political division thereof for the purpose of founding, maintaining, or aiding any school or institution of learning, whether under public control or otherwise, wherein any denominational doctrine is inculcated, or any other school, or any college infirmary, hospital, institution, or educational, charitable, or religious undertaking which is not publicly owned and under the exclusive control, order, and superintendence of public officers or public agents authorized by the Commonwealth or federal authority or both, except that

appropriations may be made for the maintenance and support of the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts and for free public libraries in any city or town, and to carry out legal obligations, if any, already entered into; and no such grant, appropriation, or use of public money or property or loan of public credit shall be made or authorized for the purpose of founding, maintaining, or aiding any church, religious denomination or society.

Section 3. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the Commonwealth, or any political division thereof, from paying to privately controlled hospitals, infirmaries, or institutions for the deaf, dumb, or blind not more than the ordinary and reasonable compensation for care or support actually rendered or furnished by such hospitals, infirmaries, or institutions to such persons as may be in whole or in part unable to support or care for themselves.

Section 4. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to deprive any inmate of a publicly controlled reformatory, penal or charitable institution of the opportunity of religious exercises therein of his own faith; but no inmate of such institution shall be compelled to attend religious services or receive religious instruction against his will, or, if a minor, without the consent of his parent or guardian.

Section 5. This amendment shall not take effect until the October first next succeeding its ratification and adoption by the people.

No. 3

Shall the following Article of Amendment relative to the taking and distribution by the Commonwealth and its municipalities of the common necessaries of life, submitted by the Constitutional Convention, be approved and ratified?

Yes, six hundred and forty-three.
No, sixty-two.
Blanks, one hundred and twelve.

Article of Amendment

The maintenance and distribution at reasonable rates, during time of war, public exigency, emergency, or distress, of a sufficient supply of food and other common necessaries of life and the providing of shelter are public functions, and the Commonwealth and the cities and towns therein may take and may provide the same for their inhabitants in such manner as the General Court shall determine.

The business of the meeting being completed, all the ballots cast, the undistributed ballots, and also the list of votes used were sealed up and endorsed by the election officers and placed in the custody of the Town Clerk.

The returns of votes were signed by the Selectmen, attested by the Town Clerk, and sealed up in open town-meeting and delivered to the Town Clerk.

At nine forty-five o'clock in the afternoon, voted that this meeting be dissolved.

Dissolved.

Attest: THOMAS SUTTON,
Town Clerk.

VOTE FOR REPRESENTATIVE

NORFOLK DISTRICT NUMBER ONE

Norfolk, ss.

Pursuant to section 322 of Chapter 825 of the Acts of 1913, the clerks of the towns of Dedham and Needham, comprising the Norfolk Representative District Number One, at their meeting in Memorial Hall in said Dedham on Friday, the sixteenth day of November, A.D. 1917, made out the following schedule of names of all persons for whom votes for Representative in the General Court were cast in said district and the number of votes for each, as follows, viz.:

John Hirsch of Dedham	1,477
John W. Leonard of Dedham	695

[Signed] DON GLEASON HILL,
Town Clerk, Dedham.

THOMAS SUTTON,
Town Clerk, Needham.

Norfolk, ss. Dedham, Mass., November, 16, 1917.

This is to certify that I have this day served a certificate of election on John A. Hirsch, by giving to him in hand said certificate.

JAMES J. SHINE,
Constable of Dedham.

A true copy.

Attest: THOMAS SUTTON,
Town Clerk.

WARRANT FOR TOWN-MEETING

December 21, 1917

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Norfolk, ss.

To George Twigg, a Constable of the Town of Needham, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Needham qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Friday, the twenty-first day of December, at eight o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act upon the following article, viz.:

Article 1. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money sufficient to properly equip Company E, 13th Infantry, Massachusetts State Guard, for service, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in not less than twenty public places in said town at least seven days before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, unto our Town Clerk on or before said day and hour.

Given under our hands at Needham aforesaid, this thirteenth day of December, A.D. 1917.

David Murdoch,
Samuel H. Wragg,
Robert B. Hill,
Selectmen of Needham.

OFFICER'S RETURN

Norfolk, ss.

Needham, December 14, 1917.

By virtue of this warrant I have this day notified and warned the inhabitants of the town of Needham to meet

as within directed, by posting true and attested copies of this warrant in twenty public places in said town, at least seven days before the time of holding said meeting.

GEORGE TWIGG,
Constable of Needham.

A true copy of warrant and officer's return.

THOMAS SUTTON,
Town Clerk.

RECORD OF TOWN-MEETING

DECEMBER 21, 1917

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Needham qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs was held in the Town Hall in said town on Friday, the twenty-first day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, at eight o'clock in the afternoon.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator.

The clerk read the warrant and the return of the officer who notified and warned the inhabitants.

ARTICLE 1. Voted unanimously that two thousand dollars ($2,000) be appropriated to be expended by the Selectmen for the purpose of furnishing Company E, 13th Infantry, Massachusetts State Guard, with such equipment as may be approved by its commanding officers, the same to be paid from funds not otherwise appropriated, this appropriation to continue and cover money expended in 1918.

Resolved, that the Senator and Representative from this district be requested to introduce in the next legislature a bill reimbursing towns and cities for money spent in furnishing equipment to the State Guard.

Voted that this meeting be dissolved.

Dissolved.

Attest: THOMAS SUTTON,
Town Clerk.

DOG LICENSES

Town Clerk's Report of Money Received in 1917

237	males at $2.00	$474 00
37	females at $5.00 each	185 00
22	females spayed at $2.00 each	44 00
1	breeder's license at $25.00	25 00
297		$728 00
297	licenses issued at 20 cents each	59 40
		$668 60

THOMAS SUTTON,
Town Clerk.

Needham, December 31, 1917.

Amount of money paid to the County Treasurer, six hundred and sixty-eight dollars and sixty cents, for which receipts are on file.

EVERETT TOTMAN,
Town Accountant.

HUNTERS' LICENSES

Number of licenses issued was one hundred and twelve resident, one non-resident, and two alien. Amount paid to the Commissioners on Fisheries and Game, one hundred and thirty-four dollars and seventy-five cents, for which receipts are on file.

THOMAS SUTTON,
Town Clerk.

Needham, December 31, 1917.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1917

BIRTHS

Number of births	151
Number of males	75
Number of females	76
Number where both parents were native-born	71
Number where both parents were foreign-born	57
Number where one parent was native-born	23

Jan.

3 Leonard Whitney Slaney, William H., Jr., and Florence B.
5 Frank Louis Richberg, Frank and Elizabeth I.
8 Samuel James Wilson, Samuel J. and Harriet M.
10 Richard Nelson Roberts, Walter N. and Helen J.
11 Helen Davika, Aleck and Mary.
15 Martin Leo Shea, Daniel F. and Margaret Flaherty.
20 Donald Holt Thomas, Roby S. and Sarah Holt.
29 Stillborn.
30 David Small, Meyer and Beatrice G.

Feb.

4 Albina Westin, Charles and Theresa B.
6 Catherine Elizabeth Freyer, Henry M. and Elizabeth K.
11 Elton Rivard Appleby, Hudson R. and Eola B.
16 Dorothy Jane Hartshorn, Alfred P. and Jane D.
16 Laurice Ferran, Habib G. and Julia H.
21 Leita Amory, John A. and Louise L.
26 Stillborn.
27 Riva Rossi, Joseph and Amelia F.

March

4 John William Fitzgerald, William W. and Mary L.
7 Ray Perry, Francis S. and Eva C.
15 William Harvey Wiggins, Lewis H. and Nellie D.
18 George Walker Beale, Charles A. and Della A.
20 Wercno Marino, Antonio and Frances F.
29 Ruth Gilpatrick, Clifton G. and Blanche B.

April
2 Walter Rowlands, Harold and Emily E.
2 Roger Dring Stanwood, Francis J. and Olive E.
4 Mary Margaret Lapeska, Rocco and Antonia K.
5 Joseph Milaiko, Joseph and Elizabeth V.
6 Maywood Foster, J. Edward and Ida R.
10 Laura Scrimo, Antonio and Katherine D.
12 Carolyn Curtis O'Connell, Charles C. and Louise H.
12 Dorice Evelyn Lee, Frank E. and Alice A.
13 Triesta Di Carlo, ——— and Addolarata S.
18 Helen Pignatelli, Nazzuren and Lucia M.
21 John Gustave Henry Pearson, Gustave E. and Ida N.
22 Susan Helen Loomis, Warren W. and Gertrude T.
27 Agnes Catherine Wilson, William T. and Margaret W.
30 Charles Melvin Stata, Coria E. and Margaret D.
30 Norman McLeod, James M. and Isabella F.

May
2 Horace Keith Farrand, Jr., Horace K. and Katherine S.
3 Edward Ribatski, Adam and Hedviga S.
7 Mary Maccio, Frank and Francesco F.
11 Ruth Clarke, Richard and Mary G.
11 William Sylvester Carpenger, Mark W. and Nellie N.
13 Hazel May Chamberlain, John M. and Christina J.
15 ——— Baldelli, Grocamo and Julia G.
19 Ruth Balboni, Alfonso and Chesira C.
19 Myer George Segal, Simon and Annie S.
21 Helen Bradford Goodwin, Chester and Lillian L.
31 George Hanley Kelly, Elmer E. and Nettie M.

June
8 Evelyn Alleen McCulloch, George W. and Illah E.
8 Libero Riccardelli, Augusto and Speranza P.
17 Bastiano Borcilia, Antonio and Fannie C.
18 Dorothy Manning, George J. and Josephine C.
19 William Nelson Holroyd, Ernest W. and Harriet M.
24 Muriel Welton Parker, Frederick D. and Evangeline B.
26 Roger Joseph Battles, Joseph R. and Annie F.
27 Frank Robert McIntosh, Frank A. and Eliza M.

July
2 ——— Brooks, Walter A. and Gertrude F.

July

3 Everett Dexter Parker, Frank E. and Olive E.
3 Mowry K. Cookson, Jr., Mowry K. and Mary A.
3 Avis Gertrude Fisher, Harry A. and Lily M.
4 Stanley Bartholwiez, and Marianna P.
4 Stillborn.
4 Helen Louise Wildman, William and Mary E.
6 Mary Shkleviecz, John and Fedora.
9 John Gerald Chambers, J. Percy and Mary S.
10 Helen Derenzo, Joseph and Louise P.
13 Frederic Lane Macdonald, William E. B. and Mary.
15 Ruth Isabella Batey, Charles and Bertha K.
16 Victoria Gladys Kerr, David A. and Lilian M.
18 Gordon Stanley Owen, Henry S. and Lena C.
25 ——— Khoury, Thomas and Amelia S.
26 ——— Routledge, Richard J. and Margaret A.
27 I. Tucker Burr, 3d, I. Tucker, Jr., and Evelyn T.
29 Ralph Winton Parker, Harold P. and Mabel F.

Aug.

5 Charles O'Neil, John J. and Katherine M.
8 Joseph Willard Farwell, 3d, Joseph W., Jr. and Isabel F.
11 Annie Leskowski, Alexander and Annie Y.
13 Richard Warren Hyde, Walter L. and Florence M.
16 Georgianna Brock Taber, Thomas B. and Marguerite E.
17 Victoria Miloss, Joseph and Amelia W.
17 Frederick Ferson, Frederick P. and Mary I.
20 Francis Cascio, Salvatore and Angelina T.
22 Ernest Robert Reed, James R. and Ethel L.
22 Edna Elizabeth Sherburne, Wilbur E. and Mabelle A.
23 Donald Pierce Webber, Harlan R. and Mattie E.
27 Ernest Russell Allen, Ernest B. and Elizabeth W.
28 John Weston Fisher, Walter A. and Ethel S.
31 Eleanor Tomaino } Joseph and Rose T.
31 Antonetta Tomaino } Joseph and Rose T.

Sept.

2 ——— Butler, Roy W. and Ruth G.
4 Ruth Carrie Newey, Arthur and Minnie G.
5 Barbara Ruth Cleaves, George C. and Pauline B.
6 Edmund Wylie Nichols, John R. and Jennie E.
6 George Freeman Wade, George W. and Janet Mc.

Sept.
7 Stillborn.
7 Eleanor May Roffe, William G. T. and Jennie M.
8 Louise Powell, William D. and Eliza E.
18 Thomas Leonard Marsilli, Frank and Bridget M.
20 Rose Agresto, Joseph and Maria F.
20 James Francis Heald, James and Anna H.
21 Wadaslaw Mroczky, Stanislaw and Mary B.
21 Annabelle Janett Pfeiffer, George W. and May B.
22 Edward Alexander Mitchell, Jr., Edward A. and Alice F.
23 Adele Rebecca Hasenfus, George H. and Augusta C.
23 Rose Helen Savignono, Carlo and Congetta.

Oct.
2 Stillborn.
2 —— Young, Walter E. and Ellen B.
4 Frances Robinson, Edward F. and Martha E.
7 Cecelia Greathead, Herbert B. and Elizabeth B.
8 Laurence Nigro, Pasquale and Congetta.
9 Elizabeth Barbanian, Macak and Sultank.
9 Stillborn.
9 Charles Robert Dodge, Charles E. and Beatrice H.
12 Stillborn.
14 John Francis Ruane, James M. and Mary Mc.
15 Myrtle Liberty Bond, Jerry and Elizabeth A.
15 John Dembroski, Ludwig and Constance D.
21 Margaret Beulah Curran, Joseph and Beulah T.
22 Froninita Ciarlantini, Pietro and Santa G.
22 Frances Margaret Harling, Joseph A. and Anna F.
25 Harold George Wheeler, Jr., Harold G. and Mary H.
27 Frances May Willgoose, Anthony W. and Loressa.
27 Annie Polselli, Patsy and Antonia.
29 Eleanor Martin, Henry and Eleanor O.

Nov.
1 Isabel F. Rector, Frederick P. and Kathryn F.
7 Caroline Sizer, Theodore and Caroline W.
11 Robert Winslow Stowers, Winslow E. and Christy G.
11 Francis Frederick Perry, Charles H. and Winnifred M.
12 Pauline Perry, Rex E. and Marion P.
12 Fred Samson Shuker, Samson, Jr., and Ella L.
13 Marjorie Sylvia Cassidy, W. Septimus and Laura I.

Nov.
19 Anna Halberts Reece, Edward B. and Anna H.
21 Kenneth Adams, Robert C. and F. Mildred.
26 Louisa Mastropiere, Nicola and Marion M.
27 Wadaslaw Vodach, Michael and Victoria P.

Dec.
5 Marjorie Elizabeth Waining, Harold R. and Grace A.
7 Richard Coughlin, William F. and Joanna F.
8 Robert Nelson Cann, Clifford N. and Avis M.
10 Lucille Lillian Lezatte, Joseph and Lydia J.
11 Harold Bernard March, Harold H. and Hannah E.
12 George Walter Richard, Walter J. and Annie E.
12 John Shumonsky, Frank and Alexandra L.
14 Peter Stravanovich, Peter and Maggie P.
14 Patrica Antonvicz, Martie and Pauline G.
15 Elizabeth Brett, Harrie I. and Urma M.
18 Shirley Lucile Spence, William B., Jr., and Lorraine A.
22 Margaret Eleanor Lewitt, Wilfred G. and Margaret J.
22 Frances Eleanor Brown, William F. and Eleanor J.
29 Florence Pandolf, Mario and Eliza S.
31 Francis Henry Johnson, Daniel J. and Delia Mc.

Omitted in 1916

March
12 John Francis Courtney, John F. and Helena M.
30 Geraldine Butler Coakson, Mowry K. and Mary A.
April
21 ——— Stevens, Bradford E. and Annie B.
July
20 ——— Minkowitz, Samuel and Annie L.
August
11 Rachel Ober Bates, Roger E. and Elizabeth H.

NOTICE

The attention of parents is called to the law relating to the registering of births. The present requirements are as follows:

Chap. 29, Sec. 6, of the Revised Laws. Parents within forty days after the birth of a child * * * * shall

cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the town or city in which such child is born.

Sec. 8. A parent * * * * who neglects so to do for ten days after the time limited therefor, * * * * shall forfeit not more than five dollars for each offense.

Attention of physicians and midwives is called to Chapter 280, Sec. 1, Acts of 1912.

Section 1. Physicians and midwives shall, within forty-eight hours after the birth of every child in cases of which they were in charge, mail or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the city or town in which the birth occurred a notice stating the date and place of the birth, giving the street number, if any, the number of the ward in a city, and the family name. Failure to mail or deliver the said notice shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars for each offense.

In accordance with the provisions of the law, the town clerk is prepared to furnish to parents, physicians, and midwives applying therefor, blanks for return of births as required by law.

MARRIAGES, 1917

Number of marriages registered, 91.

Jan.

4 Gustav E. Person, Needham; Ida Nelson, Reading; at Belmont by Rev. Henning Jacobson.

6 Albert Day Farwell, Illinois; Edith Hill Foster, Needham; at Dover by Rev. Endicott Peabody.

10 Harold G. Wheeler, Needham; May H. Andrews, Brookline; at Needham by Rev. Newton Black.

11 George J. Pfeifer, Needham; Anna M. Fitzpatrick, Wellesley;. at Boston by Rev. Frederick C. Wurl.

17 Mortimer D. Williams, Boston; Hazel B. Slade, Needham; at Boston by Rev. William F. Durseants.

18 Pasquale Polselli, Needham; Antenette Vera, Needham; at Boston by Rev. Filippo Vittigli.

31 Joseph Thompson, Stonington, Ct.; Jessie Ann Ettles, Needham; at Providence, R. I., by Rev. Edward S. Ninde.

Feb.

24 Charles E. Dodge, Needham; Beatrice H. Pidgeon, Needham; at Needham by Rev. Newton Black.

March

3 William D. Powell, Newton; Eliza E. Bell, Needham; at Natick by Rev. Jerome Wood.

14 Albert Proctor, Newton; Annie Eliza Slaney, Needham; at Needham by Rev. T. Corwin Watkins.

15 Samuel A. Pinkham, Needham; Leta M. Betts, Newton; at Newton by Rev. Peter Black.

April

7 John Henderson, Natick; Lily Collier, Needham; at Framingham by Rev. John A. McClelland.

8 Dennis O'Leary, Needham; Mary Alice Gavagan, Boston; at Boston by Rev. Florence W. McCarthy.

8 Henry J. Forsyth, Needham; Sarah McLellan, Needham; at Chelsea by Rev. Thomas A. Walsh.

9 Willie H. Wight, Jr., Needham; Frances Davis, Newton; at Waltham by Rev. Frank G. Potter.

April

17 Harold J. Fitzgerald, Needham; Jane V. McIntire, Dorchester; at Boston by Rev. John A. Daly.

19 Joseph A. Harling, Needham; Annie F. Keefe, Needham; at Newton by Rev. Dennis H. Donovan.

May

2 Walter E. Steves, Needham; Gladys Irene Green, Needham; at Needham by Rev. Charles E. Sawtelle.

12 George Reid, Needham; Jane Stewart, Needham; at East Boston by Rev. Edward Marsh.

12 Elijah Thorpe, Needham; Lena Ludwig, Needham; at Boston by Rev. Frederick C. Wurl.

13 William P. Leonard, Needham; Agnes Moran, Watertown; at Watertown by Rev. J. J. O'Donnell.

15 Everett James Brown, Needham; Edith Myrtle Smith, Needham; at Needham by Rev. Charles E. Sawtelle.

23 Jacob Raides, Needham; Becca Havitz, Needham; at Boston by David M. Rabinovitz, rabbi.

24 Wilfred G. Lewitt, Needham; Margaret Johnson, Needham; at Newton by Rev. Peter Black.

26 James Milton Bell, Framingham; Beatrice May Clark, Needham; at Needham by Rev. Arthur W. Littlefield.

29 Frank S. Hauptman, Needham; Rose Lillian Brady, Needham; at Needham by Rev. Henry A. Walsh.

29 Perry E. Powell, Newton; Etta E. Pfeifer, Needham; at Boston by Rev. Frederick C. Wurl.

30 Fred B. Danforth, Jr., West Roxbury; Edna V. Duvall, Needham; at Needham by Rev. T. Corwin Watkins,

31 Romeo Provost, Springfield; Agnes Catherine Egan, Needham; at Needham by Rev. Henry A. Walsh.

31 Cornelius F. Barters, Needham; Alice Galvin, Needham; at Needham by Rev. Henry A. Walsh.

June

2 Thomas H. Donald, Needham; Harriet May Pike, Needham; at Needham by Rev. Albert H. Wheelock.

5 Alexander E. Cleary, West Roxbury; Janette A. Roper, Needham; at Roxbury by Rev. Lyman Collins.

6 Benjamin S. Thomas, Needham; Flora M. Hilton, Boston; at Boston by Rev. J. Ralph Magee.

6 Arthur V. Spicer, Needham; Agnes Jones, Needham; at Needham by Rev. Newton Black.

June

10 Michael Borisevich, Chelsea; Mary Hukouskaya, Needham; at Boston by Rev. Jacob E. Grigorief.

11 George T. Woolley, Needham; Esther A. Wakefield, Pawtuckst, R. I.; at Pawtucket, R. I., by Rev. Louis M. Flocken.

12 Robert S. Catheron, Needham; Myra H. McLaven, Beverly; at Boston by Rev. William W. Peck.

14 David J. Hurley, Needham; Fannie M. McMath, Needham; at Boston by Rev. Frederic J. Allchin.

14 James P. Condrin, Needham; Julia E. Ahearn, Needham; at Needham by Rev. Henry A. Walsh.

16 James W. Brownville, Needham; Linda Page, Needham; at Brookline by Rev. Charles E. Sawtelle.

16 Ralph G. Wilmot, Needham; Margaret Watkins, Needham; at Needham by Rev. T. Corwin Watkins.

16 Leonard F. Waters, Waltham; Rosie Hall, Dover; at Needham by Rev. Newton Black.

16 Roy E. Comstock, Needham; Bernice M. Shedd, Malden; at Lynn by Rev. Arthur E. Harriman.

17 Thomas Khoury, Needham; Amelia Khoury, Needham; at Needham by Rev. Metropolite Germanos.

18 Henry P. Cloutier, Needham; Ida Le Blanc, North Brookfield; at North Brookfield by Rev. J. F. McGillicuddy.

24 Pasquale Miele, Needham; Josephine Scinicariello, Belmont; at Boston by Rev. Pasquale Di Milla.

27 George H. Washington, Newton; Mildred A. Goodwin, Needham; at Needham by Rev. Charles E. Sawtelle.

30 Arthur I. Webber, Needham; Mabel L. Blades, Needham; at Newton by Rev. G. W. Jones.

30 Armstrong Beattie, Marlboro; Margaret Mulholland, Needham; at Needham by Rev. Newton Black.

July

5 David Le R. Halliday, Newton; Mary M. Koshalena, Needham; at Newton by Rev. Dennis H. Donovan.

8 Fred B. Alexander, Natick; Agnes V. Gaughan, Needham; at Needham by Rev. Henry A. Walsh.

23 James P. Kinsman, Dorchester; Lillian L. Cook, Needham; at Newton by Rev. George G. Phipps.

31 Francis G. Feeley, Newton; Lillian E. Higbee, Needham; at Needham by Rev. Henry A. Walsh.

Aug.

2 Henry O. Flint, Needham; Marion E. Chase, Wellesley; at Needham by Rev. Charles E. Sawtelle.

6 Richard H. Locke, Needham; Gertrude M. Dawson, Needham; at Needham by Rev. Henry A. Walsh.

11 Willard L. McKenzie, Newton; Ruth Shepperson, Needham; at Needham by Rev. Charles E. Sawtelle.

22 Francis W. Whitney, Needham; Jannette I. Jacobs, Needham; at Needham by Rev. Albert H. Wheelock.

25 Arthur I. Cookson, Needham; Nita Morris, Newton; at Newton by Rev. Harrie R. Chamberlain.

Sept.

1 Kenneth E. Creed, Needham; Frances M. Pennell, Needham; at Needham by Rev. Albert H. Wheelock.

1 William M. Chapman, Needham; Ethel F. Thompson, Needham; at Needham by Rev. Albert H. Wheelock.

8 George M. Webster, Needham; Carrie M. Lutz, Nova Scotia; at Worcester by Rev. John S. Blair.

14 Howard A. Wilson, Needham; Mary A. Treadwell, Needham; at Needham by Rev. T. Corwin Watkins.

15 Edward Bagguley, Needham; Amelia H. Varney, So. Strafford, Vt.; at Needham by Rev. Charles W. Sawtelle.

15 Ellis G. Tisdale, Charleston, West Va.; Florence G. Belyea, Needham; at Needham by Rev. J. Adams Puffer.

16 William J. Callanan, Westfield; Lillian H. Rosenberger, Needham; at Westfield by Rev. James A. Coney.

16 John F. Gaughan, Needham; Margaret E. Moriarty, Methuen; at Methuen by Rev. James J. Farrelly.

29 Joseph F. Erskine, Dover; Janet D. Lurnsden, Needham; at Needham by Rev. T. Corwin Watkins.

Oct.

3 Robert A. Pidgeon, Needham; Josephine C. Norris, Roslindale; at Roslindale by Rev. Charles C. Wilson.

5 Philip V. Burt, Canton; Gladys M. Calhoun, Needham; at Needham by Rev. Isabella S. Macduff.

6 Harold Kendrick, Boston; Dorothy H. Hildreth, Needham; at Needham by Rev. Kenneth M. Munso.

10 Francis J. Power, Jr., Needham; Ethel M. Eldridge, Needham; at Needham by Rev. Charles E. Sawtelle.

Oct.

15 Miner E. Fenn, Needham; Elsie K. Henderson, Jamaica, B. W. I.; at Newton by Rev. Emary W. Hunt.

17 George W. Neale, Needham; Ivy E. Morse, Boston; at Boston by Rev. G. Edgar Falk.

25 William A. Davidson, Boston; Edna R. Willis, Boston; at Needham by Rev. Albert H. Wheelock.

27 Carroll W. Pearl, West Bridgewater; Francis B. M. Willgoose, Needham; at Needham by Rev. Arthur W. Littlefield.

28 Frank P. Wittmann, Chelsea; Christina E. A. Metzger, Needham; at Needham by Rev. Henry A. Walsh.

30 James R. Gibbins, Worcester; Eva G. Proctor, Boston; at Needham by Rev. Arthur W. Littlefield.

Nov.

1 August W. Peterson, Needham; Elizabeth F. F. Jardine, Needham; at Wellesley by Rev. Ellis B. Dean.

1 Leon de Vere Forand, Needham; Laurele W. E. Martin, Needham; at Needham by Rev. Albert H. Wheelock.

7 James E. Knowlton, Dorchester; Elsie M. Wier, Dorchester; at Needham by Rev. Albert H. Wheelock.

22 Charles E. Spicer, Needham; Edna H. Higbee, Needham; at Needham by Rev. Henry A. Walsh.

24 Robert Burrows, Needham; Myrtle E. Dolloff, Needham; at Needham by Rev. T. Corwin Watkins.

24 James E. Thompson, Needham; Dorthea E. Pohl, Roslindale; at Roslindale by Rev. E. A. Twomey.

28 John L. Ladd, Needham; Ruby L. Scott, Cambridge; at Cambridge by Rev. Austen T. Kempton.

29 Robert Roy Cranton, Needham; Mary Annette Harris, Weston; at Weston by Rev. Francis B. White.

Dec.

6 George E. Havey, Needham; Agnes B. Melrose, Needham; at Needham by Rev. T. Corwin Watkins.

8 Joseph Fossa, Jr., Brookline; Mary Simons, Needham; at Boston by Christopher D. A. Hourin, Justice of the Peace.

25 Joseph Watts, Hull; Mirian Stinson, Needham; at Mansfield by Rev. F. L. Brooks.

25 William F. Dodson, Needham; Jessie M. Wylie, Needham; at Needham by Rev. T. Corwin Watkins.

Dec.
25 Charles W. North, Needham; Alice L. Lee, Needham; at Needham by Rev. Albert H. Wheelock.
26 Thomas J. Sullivan, Dorchester; Daisy E. Hanson, Needham; at Needham by Rev. T. Corwin Watkins.
30 Antonio Grasso, Needham; Michelina Rainore, Needham; at Boston by Rev. Antonio De Caroli.

NOTICE

Persons who intend to be joined in marriage in this Commonwealth, shall, not less than five days before their marriage, cause notice of their intention to be entered in the office of the clerk of registrars of the city or town in which they respectively dwell, or if they do not dwell within the Commonwealth, in the office of the clerk or registrar of the city or town in which they propose to have the marriage solemnized.

Deaths Registered in 1917

DATE	NAME OF DECEASED	AGE Y.	M.	D.	PLACE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BURIAL	CAUSE OF DEATH
Jan.							
1	Emma A. Allen	75	8	14	New Bedford	New Bedford	Carcinoma
9	Mary L. Gillett	80	0	27	Hartford, Ct.	Needham	Bronchitis
11	Harrison W. Eldridge	36	4	18	Harwich	Needham	Nephritis
15	Malcolm McCracken	10	1	13	Needham	Natick	Auto, accidental
17	Frederick F. Lane	1	2	17	Newton	Needham	Tuberculosis
21	Flavilla E. Howe	49	3	27	Plymouth	Needham	Nephritis
24	John F. Mills	71	7	4	Needham	Needham	Cerebral apoplexy
29	Stillborn						
30	Frances B. Sanborn	75	2	15	Littleton, N. H.	Forest Hills	Cerebral hemorrhage
31	Emiline Safford	79	11	19	St. John, N. B.	Needham	Carcinoma
Feb.							
1	Frederick H. Clews	43	5	15	North Andover	Needham	Pneumonia
5	Annie E. Mosher	72	9	1	Winsor, N. S.	Needham	Heart disease
7	Margaret Mulcahy	52	0	0	Ireland	St. Mary's	Arteriosclerosis
10	John Melia	52	0	0	Ireland	Needham	Nephritis
13	William H. H. Allen	77	5	8	Dartmouth	New Bedford	Pneumonia
16	Adeline E. Harris	86	4	1	Needham	Needham	Paralysis, peritonitis
22	Emerson Doucette		8	22	Needham	Needham	Whooping-cough
23	Harriet E. Putnam	83	2	7	Boston	Mount Hope	Pneumonia
24	Beatrice Leahy	5	1	6	Needham	St. Mary's	Tonsilitis
26	Anne Counolly	55	0	0	Ireland	Calvary	Carcinoma
26	Stillborn						
Mar.							
5	Eva E. Benzie	3	1	19	Boston	Needham	Acidosis
12	Mary E. Chamberlain	60	7	4	Norwood	Needham	Endocarditis
14	Delbert E. Staples	17	11	13	Middleboro	Needham	Pneumonia
16	Emily A. S. M. Beless	78	7	20	Needham	Needham	Pneumonia
25	Frank Hickley	76	2	13	England	Needham	Carcinoma

Deaths Registered in 1917—*continued*

DATE	NAME OF DECEASED	AGE Y.	M.	D.	PLACE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BURIAL	CAUSE OF DEATH
April							
13	Charles H. Craig	77	5	7	Newburyport	Cedar Grove	Arteriosclerosis
17	Olivia Mosher	86	9	4	Douglas, N. S.	Newton	Senile dementia
26	Adelbert W. Arris	69	10	25	Boston	Mt. Hope	Cerebral hemorrhage
27	Mary Turner	38	4	30	Needham	Needham	Peritonitis
May							
2	Joseph W. Bertsch	23	10	3	East Cambridge	Mt. Benedict	Pulmonary oedema
5	Catherine F. Wilson	86	0	0	Augusta, Me.	St. Mary's	Cerebral apoplexy
6	Horace K. Farrand, Jr.			4	Needham	Needham	Cerebral hemorrhage
14	Mary J. Fitzgerald	48	8	14	Arabia	St. Mary's	Heart disease
15	John F. Godfrey	77	6	26	Taunton	Needham	Cerebral hemorrhage
21	Agnes F. Zepfler	49	4	24	East Boston	Mt. Hope	Intestinal obstruction
25	John F. Coulter	74	11	3	Ireland	Mt. Hope	Bronchitis
28	Peter R. Furlong	71	0	0	Quebec, Can.	Holy Cross	Atheroma
29	Lucius C. Johnson	85	1	29	Newbury, Vt.	West Newbury	Angina pectoris
30	Luigi Mafioni	7	9	4	Italy	St. Mary's	Railroad accident
June							
1	Charles L. Maloney	27	0	19	Holliston	St. Joseph's	Pulmonary tuberculosis
1	Alice M. Richards	70	5	8	New York City	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Nephritis
11	Mary Ann Toone	59	0	11	Philadelphia, Pa.	Needham	Heart disease
17	Margaret Kirk	53	6	28	Waterbury, Ct.	Waterbury, Ct.	Drowning
17	Frank A. Jones	51	0	0	No. Carolina	Worcester	Cardo-renal
25	Otis B. Jepson	72	11	26	Boston	Mt. Hope	Cardiac disease
25	William J. Weaver	66	8	19	England	Needham	Apoplexy
July							
4	Stillborn						
5	Mary A. Nason	80	8	11	Boston	Kennebunk, Me.	Atheroma
6	William E. Warriner	47	9	14	———, Mass.	Leominster	Peritonitis
7	Everett D. Parker	0	0	3	Needham	Boston	Heart disease

10	Richard A. Callahan	24	3	17	Brookline	Malden	Auto accident
17	Thomas G. Roberts	54	7	1	England	Needham	Carcinoma
28	Catherine F. Angland	55	0	0	Ireland	St. Mary's	Carcinoma
Aug.							
1	Mary A. F. Balmer	48	9	12	Cambridge	Cambridge	Transverse myelitis
2	Margaret Reid	40	0	0	Ireland	St. Joseph's	Cardiac embolism
17	Elizabeth P. Thorpe	73	6	21	England	Needham	Carcinoma
29	Agnes M. Buckley	23	5	29	Needham	St. Mary's	Sclerosis, spine
30	Ann D. Brooks	80	2	1	England	Mystic, Conn.	Carcinoma
Sept.							
2	Asher B. Getchell	87	11	3	New Brunswick	Barring, Me.	Cerebral embolism
3	Ida L. Newbegin	64	2	23	Lowell	Forest Hills	Locomotor ataxia
4	Celia I. Holden	72	11	20	Middlesex, Vt.	Swampscott	Atheroma
4	Annie Bilsza	1	1	14	Needham	St. Mary's	Gastro-enteritis
7	Stillborn						
10	Nellie Lyons	61	11	13	New Hampshire	Needham	Pulmonary tuberculosis
10	Caroline A. Ingals	76	0	0	Boston	Needham	Atheroma
16	Westley Le Francis	24	11	8	Cambridge	Needham	Tuberculosis
18	Hannah E. Lovering	79	3	28	E. Randolph	Holbrook	Cerebral hemorrhage
25	William Harvey	72	3	7	Scotland	Needham	Hernia
30	Harriet E. Upham	35	3	20	Jonesboro, Me.	Jonesboro, Me.	Heart disease
Oct.							
1	Joanna Crowley	78	5	0	Ireland	St. Mary's	Cerebral hemorrhage
2	Stillborn						
3	——— Young	0	0	1	Needham	Natick	Premature birth
8	George D. Donovan	49	3	6	St. Johns, N. B.	St. Mary's	Pneumonia
9	Stillborn						
9	Robert Grieve	36	0	0	Scotland	Needham	Congestion of lungs
12	Stillborn						
25	Adelle M. J. Kingsley	55	0	0	Jamaica Plain	Needham	Cholelithiasis
26	Edward F. Reid	41	6	15	Scotland	St. Joseph's	Pneumonia
26	Charles A. Purdy	67	9	18	New York City	Mt. Auburn	Endocarditis
30	Elizabeth U. Emerson	56	10	0	Greenfield	Mt. Auburn	Sclerosis of spine
31	Elizabeth A. Learnard	73	1	24	Boston	Mt. Auburn	Carcinoma

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1917—*continued*

DATE	NAME OF DECEASED	AGE Y.	M.	D.	PLACE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BURIAL	CAUSE OF DEATH
Nov.							
3	Josephine Rawinski	34	0	0	Russia	St. Mary's	Pulmonary tuberculosis
3	Thomas F. Peabody	67	2	4	Needham	Mass. Crematory	Arteriosclerosis
8	Hannah J. Storer	73	0	1	W. Gardiner, Me.	Needham	Pneumonia
11	Annie Hollander	43	0	0	Boston	Wakefield	Insanity, exhaustion
16	Grace A. Knight	50	0	23	Ireland	Needham	Cancer
18	Martha McDorman	73	11	26	New Brunswick	Nova Scotia	Carcinoma
19	Gladys Horsford	2	7	22	Needham	Needham	Infantile paralysis
25	William Tomlinson	74	9	14	England	Needham	Heart disease
29	Charles E. Sawtelle	49	9	17	San Francisco	Needham	Nephritis and endocarditis
Dec.							
10	Sarah T. Freeman	56	10	0	Scotland	St. Mary's	Accidental burning
21	Martin Antanovitch	46	0	0	Russia	St. Mary's	Pneumonia
22	Addie F. Simpson	85	2	27	Topsham, Me.	Needham	Pneumonia
22	Loren R. Smart	26	6	8	Boston	Forest Hills	Septicaemia
26	Albert D. Kingsbury	75	1	18	Brookline	Forest Hills	Heart disease
26	Nellie H. B. Clark	48	1	24	Needham	Needham	Cerebral hemorrhage
30	Simon Smegelsky	42	0	0	Russia	St. Mary's	Pneumonia
31	Cecelia Greathead		2	24	Cambridge	St. Mary's	Depressed vitality

DEATHS

Number of deaths registered in 1917	99
Number of males	46
Number of females	53

Stillborn	7
Under one year of age	5
Between 1 and 5 years	4
" 5 " 10 "	2
" 10 " 15 "	1
" 15 " 20 "	1
" 20 " 30 "	6
" 30 " 40 "	5
" 40 " 50 "	13
" 50 " 60 "	13
" 60 " 70 "	7
" 70 " 80 "	25
" 80 " 90 "	10

THOMAS SUTTON,
Town Clerk.

TOWN OF NEEDHAM

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

FOR THE YEAR 1917

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REPORT OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Selectmen respectfully submit, herewith, the two hundred and sixth report of the town of Needham, presenting a general outline of the work accomplished the past year and their recommendations for the year to come.

The reports of the heads of the several departments give a more detailed account of their activities and should be studied carefully by every citizen, for nothing so promotes efficiency as intelligent, unbiased, constructive criticism. Such is welcome; any other serves no useful purpose. The Board has had to face several perplexing matters and has endeavored to handle each in the way calculated in its judgment to serve the best interests of the whole town.

The war has brought many problems and much additional work and expense. We are pleased to record that these have been met in a praiseworthy manner by all our people, who have been, and are, giving unstintingly both of their time and money, cheerfully and patriotically co-operating in every war aim of the government and the chief national relief organizations. Some two hundred of our young men and some of our young women are in active service — many of them overseas. They carry with them the best wishes of all and the knowledge that Needham, town official and private citizen, is solidly behind them.

Highways

The report of our Superintendent of Streets, Mr. Henry D. Blackman, found on another page, gives an itemized statement of how the appropriation of this Department was used. Owing to war conditions and the increased cost of all labor, tarvia, and other road-building materials, it will be necessary to appropriate at least as much money for this Department as last year, if we are to keep our roads in reasonable repair and do the new construction that is imperatively called for. Needham has good roads but is not yet spending as much money as is recommended by the Massachusetts Highway Commission as being the average amount a town of its size should use.

The stone crusher has been installed at the ledge on Central Avenue, and has proved of great help and has materially cut down the cost of new road construction. It will undoubtedly be of even more value in years to come.

We were awarded $1,500.00 by the Massachusetts Highway Commission, and $1,500.00 by the Norfolk County Commissioners, which, together with $1,500.00 of the highway appropriation, enabled us to continue the permanent construction on Great Plain Avenue. There were built from Hillcrest Road toward the center of the town about eighteen hundred feet, at an expense of $4,300.00 and the Board hopes to be able to secure another appropriation of the same amount from both state and county to continue, this year, the construction of this much-used highway. When this road is completed, the main lines of travel into our town will be in first-class condition. Another piece of new construction worthy of special note was done on Charles River Street, where about a mile of first-class gravel road was put in across the flat land this side of the Pierce Bridge.

The following appropriations are recommended for the Highway Department for 1918:

Street cleaning	$3,000 00	
Fencing	250 00	
Drainage	750 00	
General	2,500 00	
Street repairs	4,500 00	
Road preservatives .	6,000 00	
Street construction .	4,000 00	and Franchise and Excise tax
Snow	1,500 00	
Sidewalks	3,000 00	

Sidewalks

Owing to shortage of labor and the early winter, the Board was not able to have constructed all the sidewalks contemplated. It would seem quite necessary that there be a gravel sidewalk built on one side of several of the most traveled streets where there is now no sidewalk at all. It is hoped that the town will appropriate the same amount for sidewalks as last year and so insure the building of these as well as some of the granolithic sidewalks that have been petitioned for the longest.

Improved Traffic Conditions

The use of motor vehicles continues to increase, and this adds to our traffic problems. The stationing of an officer in the square has helped materially to lessen the danger, and along this line the Board has placed a number of additional "silent policemen" and warning signs.

By arrangement made with Dr. Mitchell, a number of feet of land were taken from the corner of his property, the sidewalk moved back and the street widened, and the sharp turn at this corner very much improved. The same thing has been done at the corner of Hillside Avenue and Webster Street, a little piece of property being purchased from Mrs. Clews for this purpose.

By arrangement with the Park Commissioners, the small triangle on Webster Street at the corner of High Street has been eliminated and in this way much done to better traffic conditions.

The elimination of bad curves and of obstructions to clear view should be kept constantly in mind and every opportunity that presents itself for improvement taken advantage of.

High Rock Street

A. E. Cooksen, Jr., and others, representing that an ancient town way called High Rock Street, running from Chestnut Street across Marked Tree Road to Central Avenue, was in an impassable condition, the lines uncertain, no established grade, and utterly out of repair, petitioned the County Commissioners of Norfolk County to relocate said High Rock Street and to make specific repairs.

The Commissioners entered the petition and appointed a time for commencing to view the premises and a public hearing on the petition. The Commissioners viewed the premises and heard all persons interested (incidentally it might be stated that many appeared and spoke in favor of the petition and no one against it until after the Commissioners had rendered a decision) and decided that public necessity demanded that this road be relocated and built.

The following is from the Commissioners' return:

> "And it is determined by the Commissioners that the inhabitants of the town of Needham in which

said way is located do within two years from the date of this return complete said way in a thorough and workmanlike manner and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners.

"Said way shall be constructed to the full width indicated on said plan and when completed shall provide a well-graveled or macadam road-bed properly crowned and graded and not less than eighteen feet in width throughout the entire length of said way as hereby relocated.

"Suitable sidewalks, gutters, culverts, retaining walls, fences, and railings shall be constructed wherever needed.

"And it is determined by the Commissioners that all the expenses of making the relocation of said way as prescribed in this return, including the expenses of constructing said way and all land and other damages and expenses incident thereto, be paid by the inhabitants of the town of Needham, and when all the work required by this return shall have been performed and all the sums awarded as damages herein and all other damages and expenses incident to said making of said relocation shall have been paid and said way shall have been accepted by the Commissioners, the County of Norfolk shall pay to the inhabitants of the town of Needham the sum of four thousand dollars ($4,000.00)."

Police Department

The change in the police arrangements whereby Chief McKenzie has been on duty daytimes has proved very satisfactory. It has enabled the Chief to render efficient service in and about the square and also has given him better opportunity to superintend the other officers and the Department in general. We think the change has been conducive to good in every respect.

The time is fast approaching when a day officer should be on duty at Needham Heights, and this is something that should be prepared for. A detailed report of this Department will be found on another page.

Fire Department

Early in the year the Fire Department was reorganized in conformity with the report of the committee appointed at the 1915 town-meeting. Mr. H. Howard Upham was made chief and is on duty all the time, filling creditably also the office of Building Inspector and Forest Warden.

Mr. Morong has acted as permanent fireman, Wire Inspector, and Superintendent of the Fire Alarm, and has satisfactorily performed the several duties.

A very fine motor truck was purchased and also a small service truck which has been used by the Police Department as well as the Fire Department. Both machines have given good service.

The Fire Department is in a much more efficient condition than ever before.

We have been notified by the executive committee of the Evangelical Congregational Church that the fire alarm must be removed from the belfry of that church on or before May first. The mechanism of the alarm is such that when in action it jars the belfry of the church and causes the roof to leak, and there seems to be no way in which this can be remedied. In this connection, we would call attention to the report of this Department last year in which it was stated, "There is still the same old complaint that at times when the wind is high the fire alarm bell on the Congregational Church cannot be heard in certain sections of the town." It seems, therefore, that the town must do now what has long been contemplated: that is, install a compressed air whistle in the townhouse. An article will be found in the warrant asking for an appropriation for this purpose.

A detailed report of the Fire Department appears on another page.

Soldiers' Benefits

During this year there has been an unusual call on the appropriations of Soldiers' Relief, State and Military Aid, due to the present German War.

During the coming year we anticipate many new calls for assistance so that the amount disbursed during 1917 will in all probability be exceeded by a large amount.

During the year 1917 Congress passed legislation increasing pensions to Civil War veterans. In the long run this will cut down the amount expended under the heading of Soldiers' Relief, which appropriation is a direct levy against the taxpayers of Needham.

Amounts disbursed under the heading of State and Military Aid are returned to the Town Treasurer each year from the State of Massachusetts.

Gypsy Moth

Superintendent Riley has given personal attention to this Department the past year, and has done the usual amount of work. It is requested that owners of property co-operate a little more in helping this Department in the suppression of gypsy and browntail moths. The state law requires property owners to exterminate moths on their property. Mr. Riley will be glad to furnish information as to how this can best be done.

Playgrounds

The playground was conducted this last summer by Miss Eunice Rae and Mr. Percy Quinlan, who did so well the year before, and the Board has nothing but praise for what they accomplished this year. It has proven fortunate that the town started this work and that such efficient instructors were secured. It would be well to consider the installation of a similar feature at the Needham end of the town.

Street Lighting

The contract with the Edison Company still has several years to run. The moonlight schedule is in effect and while not perfect it probably will meet all requirements and should not be changed during present war conditions.

New and larger lights have been placed on Warren Street from Dedham Avenue to the Junction Station. These have proved very beneficial, particularly in the early evening in winter, when there is a great deal of foot travel to and from the Junction Station.

Several additional lights have been placed in the square, a light at the approach to the Bird's Hill Station, and other minor improvements have been made — all of good to the service.

Transportation

We have to admit that the transportation service given Needham has not improved during the year. The only comfort to be taken from the situation is that Needham probably has not fared as badly as other towns.

Owing to the increased cost of transportation to the companies, conditions which are well-known to all, the railways, both electric and steam, seem to be facing a deplorable condition. When the Boston & Middlesex Railway put into effect drastic increases in fares, the Selectmen, in an endeavor to better conditions, licensed a so-called jitney line. As the street railway conditions grew worse and it became a question of retaining the jitneys and losing entirely the street railway service from Needham to Wellesley and that from Needham to Watertown, or of keeping the railway lines even with curtailed service and dispensing with the jitneys, the Board decided that the interests of the town were best served by dispensing with the jitneys.

The present schedule of fares remains in force until the latter part of February, when the matter of fares on these lines automatically comes before the Public Service Commission. At that time it is hoped to have the fare somewhat reduced and a transfer privilege granted between the Wellesley-Needham and the Needham-Watertown lines.

Respectfully submitted,

David Murdoch,
Samuel H. Wragg,
Robert B. Hill.
Selectmen of Needham.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of Needham:

Gentlemen: — I herewith submit my fifth annual report, for the year ending December 31, 1917.

The work has been carried on in general as in previous years, conditions outside our control have added to the cost of different branches of the work.

In the last of the season the shortage of labor and the early cold weather prevented doing some sidewalk repairs.

The condition of the streets, as we enter the winter, and the equipment of the Department is much better than previous years.

Street Cleaning

The spring being late, this work was delayed to some extent. All streets received a thorough cleaning, and the cleaning was continued in the villages through the season. The horses used in the Fire Department were used in this work as much as possible.

Fencing

Seven hundred and seventy-five feet of fence was built at a cost of 23 cents a foot. At least a thousand feet should be renewed the coming year.

Drainage

Four catch-basins have been built this season: one on Rosemary Street near the ice-house; on Highland Avenue, corner Hunnewell Street; on Dedham Avenue, corner Webster Street; and on May Street, corner Pickering Street.

Bridges

The culvert on West Street was replanked with 3-inch hard pine, which will last several years. I would recommend a concrete floor the next time it is repaired, as the stringers will have to be replaced by then.

As the season advanced it was found necessary to replank Kendrick's bridge. This was done using 3-inch hard pine, costing $221.36.

Road Preservatives

42,669 gallons of tarvia B were used on the streets the past season for surface treatment to preserve the road and prevent dust. This material cost 6½ cents at factory, an increase of 1 cent per gallon over last year, and will cost 8½ cents at factory in 1918.

Street Repairs

2,500 gallons of tarvia B and "cold patch" were used on roads previously treated with tarvia. The material was heated and mixed with coarse sand or fine crushed stone. The crushed stone gives the best results, but was hard to get on account of the heavy demand. We are fortunate enough to have a good supply on hand for next season. The following is a list of streets that received more than the ordinary repairs:

Greendale Avenue	$439.25
High Rock Street	576.25
Fisher Street	104.50
Highland Avenue, cor. Hunnewell Street	100.00
Kendricks Street	250.50
Nehoiden Street	233.50
Rosemary Street	$234.50
School Street	123.00
Webster Street, near Rosemary Street	154.50
Webster Street, near Newton line	59.00

The cost of patching with tarvia, including materials, was $1,271.46.

Street Construction

Charles River Street from Grove Street toward the river was in such bad condition after the frost came out that immediate repairs were necessary. We were fortunate in procuring the necessary material close by. A stone foundation with a coat of gravel was placed on 2,000 ft. and a coat of gravel on the remaining 800 ft.

Webster Street from High Street to the residence of Mr. Titus was in bad condition when the frost was coming out.

In order to make a permanent construction it was necessary to excavate the whole distance from one to two feet. Part of the material was used on other streets, some was sold, and the balance used to widen out on Webster Street.

The base was filled with material from the pit on Highland Avenue, it being excellent for this work. After thoroughly rolling, a top of crushed stone was placed in two layers and treated with tarvia.

Chestnut Street from Great Plain Avenue to the Kimball School was rebuilt. The Middlesex & Boston St. R. R. placed new ties under the rails and brought them to grade. Some parts of the surface had to be removed in order to get depth for crushed stone.

Two layers of crushed stone were then placed, rolled, and treated with tarvia, the Middlesex & Boston St. R. R. paying their portion of the expense.

Great Plain Avenue from Pickering Street to Highland Avenue was built to grade, with two layers of crushed stone, treated with tarvia. This completes the section from Webster Street to the village.

Great Plain Avenue from Hillcrest Road to Washington Avenue was constructed according to specifications furnished by the Massachusetts Highway Commission, they paying one-third of the expense, the Norfolk County Commission paying a third, and the town paying a third. Changes in the grade made it necessary for considerable work on the sub-grade, three feet of gravel shoulders were built, 6 inches of crushed stone were then placed in two layers, thoroughly rolled and treated with tarvia.

The following table will show cost of construction:

STREET	Length ft.	W'th ft.	Sq. yds.	Cost % sq. yd.	Gals. tarvia	Total cost
Charles River St.	2,800	16	4,975	$ 30		$1,403 05
Webster St.	700	20	1,600	1 34	2,800	2,143 07
Chestnut St.	550	30	1,800	89	4,400	*1,634 52
Great Plain Ave. near Pickering St.	550	26	1,300	54	2,925	724 42
Great Plain Ave. near Hillcrest Rd.	1,800	18	3,600	1 22	10,900	4,347 20

* Middlesex & Boston St. R. R. paid $210.69.

High Rock Bridge Approaches

We had a balance left from the appropriation of 1916 of $1,230.15. As soon as conditions would permit, this work was continued. As a large amount of filling was necessary in the west approach it seemed advisable to dig out the street toward Marked Tree Road. This was done for a distance of 700 feet beyond the approach, giving enough filling. Ready for the street foundation, the ledge stone was then teamed from the east side of the bridge and spread to the depth of a foot and covered with a thin coat of gravel.

New Crusher Bins

The stone crushing plant located off South Street was removed to Central Avenue. New bins were erected by Roby S. Thomas, he being the lowest bidder. Elevator, screen, and buckets were furnished by the New England Road Machine Co.

Appropriation for crusher bins		$1,500 00
Elevator, screen, and bins	$719 00	
Lumber and cement	517 66	
Carpenter labor	195 50	
Foundations	58 70	
Bolts and nails	9 14	
		$1,500 00
The boiler, engine, and crusher on South Street was relocated on Central Avenue. Cost of foundations for same, cleaning, erecting, and driveways		$321 80
Repairs on engine and boiler		100 00
Boiler, engine, and bins were roofed in, using old lumber on hand. Cost of carpenter labor		77 00

Portable Crusher

The portable crusher situated at Central Avenue ledge was moved to the gravel bank at Herd's corner, and put in working condition. The crushed stone used on Webster Street was crushed at this plant, using the surplus stone from the gravel bank.

Cost of moving and relocating $95 50

Sidewalks

General repairs have been made on sidewalks to the amount of $639.69. 1,805 5/9 square yards of granolithic walks have been laid as follows:

	Sq. yds.	Cubic ft.	Cost
Great Plain Avenue cor. Chestnut Street	233	25	$383 15
Highland Avenue cor. Hunnewell Street	59 1/9	61	128 22
Highland Avenue south of Mellen Street	806 4/9		1,265 09
Grant Street off Dedham Avenue	610 1/3		946 02
Great Plain Avenue near Warren Street	91 2/3		128 33
Chestnut Street at Post Office	54 1/3	75	126 50
Enginering			12 00

Snow

Fifteen snow plows are located in different sections of the town. Some of these should be replaced with new ones.

Money Available for the Department

Appropriation	$21,000 00	
Excise tax	1,618 08	
Franchise tax	349 05	
Massachusetts Highway	1,465 00	
Norfolk County	1,465 00	
Receipts for work done individuals	1,252 46	
		$27,149 59

Special Appropriations

New crusher bins	$1,500 00	
High Rock bridge appropriation balance from 1916	1,230 15	
		$29,879 74

Expenditures

Street cleaning	$2,619 85	
Fencing	251 66	
Drainage	313 80	
Bridges	283 81	
Street signs	14 20	
General expenses	2,170 13	
Street repairs	5,889 11	
Road preservatives	4,408 40	
Street construction	11,159 78	
		$27,11074

Specials

New crusher bins	$1,500 00	
High Rock bridge appropriation	1,230 15	
		$29,840 89

Sidewalks

Appropriation	$3,000 00	
Amount assessed to abutters	1,274 75	
		$4,274 75
Expended for repairs	$874 41	
Expended for construction	2,989 31	
Unexpended balance	411 03	
		$4,274 75
Appropriation for snow		1,500 00
Expenditure for snow		1,525 00
Total expenditure for labor	$11,559 25	
Total expenditure for teams	7,813 80	

In closing I wish to thank you for your hearty co-operation at all times, also the members of the Department.

Respectfully submitted,

H. D. Blackman,

Superintendent.

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

December 31, 1917.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, Town of Needham:

Gentlemen: — I hereby submit the annual report of the doings of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1917.

Number of arrests	58
Number of cases	72
Number of males	56
Number of females	2
Number of residents	44
Number of non-residents	18

Causes of Arrests

Assault and battery	2
Bastardy	2
Breaking and entering	4
Delinquent child	1
Disturbing the peace	16
Drunk	24
Forgery	1
Insane	3
Larceny	3
Malicious mischief	1
Neglect of parent	1
Non-support	3
Stubborn child	1
Violation of automobile laws	4
Violation of building laws	1
Violation of fire laws	1
Violation of labor laws	1
Violation of Lord's day	1
Violation of town by-laws	2

Disposition of Cases

Appealed	3
Filed	15
Fined	27
Held for Grand Jury	4
Probation	5
Sent to jail	6
Sentence suspended	2
Discharged	11
Sent to Westborough	4
Amount of fines	$165
Amount of stolen property recovered	$1,187

The Department has been called upon this year to do considerable extra work, due to the declaration of war and the registration of men for the draft army.

At the outbreak of the war special policing was necessary at the Water Works and other points, and it was necessary to assign special officers to this work. The overdraft on the appropriation is due to this extra work.

In connection with the draft and also the registration of alien enemies, we have assisted the Local Board in locating delinquent registrants.

To the members of your Honorable Board and to all the officers of the Department I wish to extend my appreciation of your valuable assistance and courtesy during the present year.

Respectfully submitted,

N. MacKenzie,

Chief of Police.

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

December 31, 1917.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen: — I herewith submit the thirty-second annual report of the Needham Fire Department. The number of calls to which the Department has responded is seventy-four, sixty-one of which were bell alarms and thirteen were still. There have been five second alarms. The Department has had two out-of-town calls — one to Newton and one to Dover — and in one instance I called upon Dedham for aid, which was promptly and efficiently given without expense to the town.

The causes of the fires, so far as known, are as follows:

Children and matches	2
Burning rubbish	7
Sparks from locomotive	13
Lightening	3
Incendiary	5
Overheated furnace	1
Oil stove	1
Fireplace	1
Torch	1
Electric flatiron	1
Careless smoking	1
Chimney fires	6
Burning brush	1
Overheated stove	1
Out-of-town	2
Lamp exploded	2
False	1
Needless	2

Amount of hose laid for fire service	10,300 feet
Number of feet of ladders used	665 feet
Amount of chemicals used	570 gals.

The amount of values, insurance, and loss by fire during the year is as follows:

Value of buildings	$31,575 00
Insurance on same	30,800 00
Loss on buildings	7,285 00
Insurance paid on buildings	8,575 00
Value of contents	20,310 00
Insurance on same	9,900 00
Loss on contents	4,715 00
Insurance paid on contents	2,750 00
Total value of property at risk	51,885 00
Total amount of insurance	40,700 00
Total loss on property	11,950 00
Total amount of insurance paid	11,325 00

At the last annual town-meeting it was voted that a sum not exceeding $5,500 be appropriated for the purchase of a piece of motor fire apparatus, the same to be expended under the direction of a committee consisting of one member of the Fire Engineers, one from the Board of Selectmen, and one from the Finance Committee, each to be selected by his own board. The members of this committee were Samuel H. Wragg, G. Waldo Crawley, and the Chief of the Fire Department. After making several inspections of the exhibits of various manufactures of motor fire apparatus, the committee purchased a motor combination truck made by the White Co., at a price of $5,500. This price included a used service car made by the same company.

The machine arrived the first of May and was immediately put in commission at the Central Station, Chestnut Street. With the installation of the motor it was necessary to spend about $1,500 in improvements in the Central Station to accomodate permanent men, viz.: sleeping rooms and furniture, plumbing, steam heating, universal fire alarm box, telephone, and tape alarm recorder. This is the cause of the increased expense of the Department this year.

Two permanent men are now on duty continuously, who are the Chief of the Fire Department and the Superintendent of the Fire Alarm. Some of the call men also sleep at the

station. The station is never left without at least one man on duty every hour of the twenty-four. In answer to a telephone call, the man on duty can, by means of the universal fire alarm box, give the alarm for any box number in the town, and in a minute and a half the apparatus will be on its way. Previous to July 1 the Department was made up entirely of call men who were paid $1.00 for answering an alarm, and $0.50 per hour after the first hour. Under this plan, the appropriation could be based only on past experience; now, practically the entire Department is on a yearly salary. Upon the reorganization of the Department, Hose 4 situated at Greendale was discontinued. The equipment of this company was a hand reel, and with the installation of the motor it was deemed unnecessary.

The expense of operating the motor for eight months was $92.05, of which $61.60 was for a spare tire which we still have as an asset, leaving the actual cost to operate $30.45. The motor has traveled 350 miles, answered 36 alarms, and has given perfect satisfaction. The same service with horse-drawn apparatus would have cost $360.

The Department has been officially notified to the effect that the Committee of the Evangelical Congregational Church have voted to request that the fire alarm striker be removed from that building. In view of this, I would recommend that a whistle of the compressed air type be installed that can be heard all over town. This is a serious need of the Fire Department, and the installation of such a whistle would add greatly to the Department's efficiency and at the same time would increase the value of the "no school" signal and of the police and military calls.

When classified insurance was introduced, the town was placed in Class C. Three points are still required to secure a Class B rating. This may be obtained through the installation of a compressed air whistle. Under Class B, it has been estimated there would be a saving to owners of property of about $5,500 in annual premiums.

I wish to recommend that a motor pump of 500-gallon capacity be purchased and placed at the Heights to take the place of Combination No. 2. I would also recommend the installing of a fire alarm box at the corner of Harris Avenue and Bradford Street.

Inventory

Central Station

Land and buildings	$3,500 00	
Motor combination truck and equipment, including service car	5,500 00	
Combination chemical and hose wagon, and equipment	1,800 00	
Hook and ladder truck and equipment	1,300 00	
Hose, 2,500 feet	1,250 00	
Other appliances and fittings	1,000 00	
		$14,350 00

Needham Heights Station

Station No. 2, land and buildings	$4,700 00	
Combination chemical and hose wagon and equipment	1,200 00	
Hose, 2,000 feet	1,000 00	
Other appliances and fittings	425 00	
		$7,325 00

Charles River District

Hose wagon and equipment	$350 00	
Hose, 800 feet	400 00	
Other appliances and fittings	200 00	
		$950 00

Upper Falls District

Hose wagon and equipment	$325 00	
Hose, 800 feet	400 00	
Other appliances and fittings	80 00	
		$805 00

Respectfully submitted,

H. Howard Upham,

Chief Needham Fire Department.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO PURCHASE MOTOR FIRE APPARATUS

The Committee visited several towns using motor fire apparatus of different makes.

Consideration was given to the advisability of rebuilding some of the apparatus now in use in Needham. Prices were secured and a factory making a specialty of motorizing horse-drawn apparatus was visited.

The purchase of a chassis and having same equipped according to Needham's requirements was considered.

A White motor-driven combination chemical engine and hose car was contracted for on April 5th, together with a service truck for the use of the Chief and Fire Alarm Superintendent, for the sum of $5,500.00, the amount appropriated.

Except for lettering and a few minor changes in equipment, the car was ready and was delivered to and accepted for the town by the Committee, May 1st. The time of delivery was an important factor in favor of purchasing this White car.

The car has a 6-cylinder, 60 horse power motor, with electric starting and lighting systems, carries 1,000 feet of hose, a 40-gallon chemical tank, 200 feet of chemical hose, two 3-gallon hand extinguishers, a 30-foot extension ladder, and other necessary equipment.

The White Company, the largest manufacturer of commercial motor vehicles in America, maintains in Boston a completely equipped service station, accessible and available day or night for emergency repairs, another very important reason for the Committee's decision.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Howard Upham, *Representing Fire Dept. Engineers,*
Samuel H. Wragg, *Representing Board of Selectmen,*
G. Waldo Crawley, *Representing Finance Committee.*

REPORT OF FOREST WARDEN

December 31, 1917.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen: — I beg leave to submit my ninth annual report of the Forest Warden.

There have been issued from this office during the past year 907 permits for lighting fires in the open. In four cases, permits were abused and resulted in a call for the Fire Department. In all cases this was due to carelessness by not having sufficient help present and burning in a high wind. These permits were immediately revoked. I wish to impress upon the citizens and residents the necessity of constant attendance at these fires and of not using their permits in a high wind or under other dangerous conditions. I have complied with the Statutes in regard to the publishing of the Massachusetts Forest Laws in the Needham Chronicle, and the posting of notices issued by the State Forester.

Extracts from Massachusetts Forest Laws

1. *Setting fire to growing wood or timber of another.* Punishment by a fine of not more than $100.00 or by imprisonment for not more than six months. R. L. 208, Section 7.

2. *Letting fire escape.* Negligently allowing fire to escape from your own land to adjoining land. Punishable by a fine of not more than $250.00, also liable for damages. R. L. 208, Section 8–9.

3. *Forest Wardens not liable to arrest for trespass.* Wardens, Deputies, and Assistants not liable for trespass while acting in the reasonable performance of their duties. Acts 1907, 475, Section 6.

4. *Permits to light fire in the open.* In any city or in towns so voting, a permit from the Forest Warden must be obtained to start a fire between March 1 and December 1. The only exception being that debris from fields, gardens, or orchards, or leaves and brush from yards may be burned on

ploughed fields by the owners thereof, their agents, or lessees, but in every case such fire shall be at least two hundred feet distant from any forest or sprout lands, and at least fifty feet distant from any building, and provided further that persons above eighteen years of age may maintain a fire for a reasonable purpose upon sandy or barren land, if the fire is enclosed within rocks, metal or other non-inflammable material, but in every case such fire shall be properly attended until extinguished. Violation of this provision — punishable by a fine of not more than $100,00 or imprisonment for not more than one month, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Acts 1908, 209, Section 1, as amended by Chapter 244, Acts 1911.

5. *Arrest without warrant.* The Forest Warden or any of his Deputies may arrest any persons setting or maintaining a fire in violation of the provisions of this Act. Acts 1908, 209, Section 4, as amended by Chapter 244, Acts 1911.

6. *Penalty for refusing aid.* Any person between the ages of 18 and 50 years who refuses, without good cause, to assist the Forest Warden or his Deputies in the fighting of forest fires is liable to a fine of not less than $5.00 nor more than $100.00. R. L. 32, Section 21; 1907, 475, Section 3.

7. *Disturbing notices.* Whoever wilfully tears down or destroys any notice posted under the provisions of this Act shall be punished by a fine of $10.00. Acts 1907, 475, Section 7.

Law Relating to Brush or Slash

The law relating to disposal of slash or brush following wood or lumber operations is as follows:

1914, 101, Section 1. Every owner, tenant, or occupant of land and every owner of stumpage who cuts or permits the cutting of wood or timber on woodlands owned or occupied by him or on which he has acquired stumpage by purchase or otherwise, and which borders upon the woodland of another or upon a highway or railroad location, shall clear the land of slash and brushwood then and there resulting from such cutting for such distance, not exceeding forty feet, from the woodlands of such other person, highway, or railroad location as the local Forest Warden shall determine, and within such time and in such manner as he shall determine.

1914, 101, Sect. 3. Whoever neglects to comply with the directions of the Forest Warden with regard to the disposal of slash and brush, as provided in Sections one and two of this act, may be punished by a fine or not less than $5.00 nor more than $50.00.

1914, 101, Sect. 4. This act shall take effect on the first day of January in the year nineteen hundred and fifteen.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Howard Upham,

Forest Warden.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Sirs: — I herewith submit the annual report of the Fire Alarm Department for the year ending December 31, 1917.

During the past year but little repair work has been done on overhead lines, as appropriations for this work have been deferred on account of the high cost of materials. Consequently the coming year a substantial amount of such work must be done. Interruptions in service have fortunately been few; these for the most part have been due to old contruction.

The principal improvements made in the system have been the installation of a transmitter box at Fire Department headquarters, the replacing of wooden battery racks with two new metal racks in the battery room at the Town Hall, and the installation of a punch register at Station 2.

The tower striker at the Congregational Church must be removed in accordance with the notice given the town by the church executive committee. The striker cannot be relocated, even if it were feasible to do so. The bell has often proved an unsatisfactory and insufficient means of giving an alarm and I recommend the installation of a compressed air whistle at the Town Hall building, where the tower provides an excellent location for the whistle, and the basement affords space for the storage tanks.

Lines

The fire alarm system is comprised of five circuits; two and about half of another are excellent, while the rest vary from fair to an actually dangerous condition. Work of rebuilding, requiring nine miles of wire, should be begun at once and completed as soon as possible this year.

The circuits serving the Upper Falls and Charles River districts are in such condition that breaks are liable to occur in the lines at any time. After years of service, the wire is badly eaten away by rust, and crossarms in many places are so rotted that only by careful work can even temporary repairs be made without pulling off a crossarm or causing more breaks in the wire under repair. If fire alarm protection is to be maintained in these districts it is imperative that these circuits be rebuilt at once.

A section of the circuit on Great Plain Avenue to the Wellesley line is in a similar condition to the two circuits mentioned above.

The streets where rebuilding should be begun immediately are mainly as follows: on Central Avenue, from corner of Hunnewell Street to Reservoir Street; on South and Charles River Streets to Grove Street; and on Great Plain Avenue from Needham Square to the junction with Central Avenue.

Fire Alarm Boxes

There are forty-two fire alarm boxes in use in the system, six of which are of the modern positive, non-interfering type. More of these should be installed each year, continuing the work begun several years ago of replacing the old boxes, which are overhauled and relocated as they are released by the new.

It is recommended that three new boxes be installed the coming year as follows: to replace Box 49 on Rosemary Street near Carter's Lower Mill; to replace Box 56, corner Hunnewell Street and Hillside Avenue; and to replace Box 36, corner Highland Avenue and Webster Street. Released boxes then to be renumbered and relocated as follows: one at corner of Harris Avenue and Bradford Street; one at corner of Hillside Avenue and Webster Street, and one to replace Box 82, corner Charles River and South Streets. This box is the only one of an obsolete type in use in the system and is unreliable.

Switchboard

The old wooden panel of the switchboard in the Fire Alarm Room, Town Hall, should be replaced with a modern one to insure proper protection to the system.

Estimated Cost of Improvements, Repairs, and Maintenance for the year 1918 (exclusive of whistle)

Lines and construction	$1,300 00
Three positive, non-interfering boxes	425 00
Repairing and installing 3 old boxes	100 00
One-half set storage batteries	200 00
Repairing apparatus	475 00
Contingencies	100 00
Salary of Superintendent	600 00
	$3,200 00

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. MORONG,
Superintendent of Fire Alarm.

REPORT OF WIRE INSPECTOR

December 31, 1917.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Sirs: — I herewith submit the report of this Department for the year ending December 31, 1917.

Since May 1, headquarters of this Department have been located at the Central Fire Station, which has enabled electrical contractors to locate the Inspector easily. All inspections have been made promptly upon receipt of notice.

There have not been as many new houses built during the past year as in 1916, but a considerable number of old houses have been wired for electricity. The recent discontinuance by the Edison Company of their easy payment plan of wiring will doubtless cause a marked decrease in the number of installations the coming year.

Four hundred and eighty inspections have been made under the town by-laws which went into effect January 1, 1917; one hundred and fifty of these were made by Mr. Pickett, the former Inspector, and three hundred and thirty by myself, since April 1. A total of $144 was collected in fees in 1917.

The past year has shown the use of electricity for purposes other than lighting to be constantly increasing. Thirty-four electric cooking ranges, several water heaters, and a large number of smaller appliances have been installed.

The amount of underground wires has unfortunately not materially increased. The Edison Company has, however, carefully maintained their overhead lines. Representatives of the Company have without exception co-operated with this Department, and this has facilitated the work of the Inspector. Two hundred and fifty-four certificates of inspection have been issued by the Company.

Care has been exercised that all installations should conform with the requirements of the National Board of Fire Underwriters. The provisions of the town by-laws relating

to wire inspections have in all instances been carefully carried out. Permits are issued with the understanding that the person or persons to whom issued have complied with the requirements of Chap. 296, Acts of 1915, relating to the licensing of electricians.

Sections of the town by-laws relating to this Department are as follows:

Art. II. Sect. 8. Upon the application to the Inspector of Wires for the supervision or inspection of electrical equipment in a factory building, public building, or tenement house there shall be paid to him for the use of the town a fee of one dollar; and for the supervision or inspection of electrical equipment in any other building, a fee of fifty cents.

Art. II. Sect. 9. All permits issued under these by-laws for which a fee is required shall be issued on numbered blank forms furnished by the Town Accountant to the officer who issues the permit.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. MORONG,
Inspector of Wires.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF MOTH WORK

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen: — I herewith submit the report of the Moth Department for the year ending December 31, 1917. The browntail moth has decreased to such an extent as to have been hardly necessary of consideration in 1917, and there are so few now that we shall be able to devote practically our whole efforts to controlling the gypsy moth during the coming year. The browntail will probably never be a serious pest except at certain periods, the same as the tent caterpiller.

Our spraying operations for the gypsy moth were delayed about twenty days on account of rains. This enabled the caterpillars to attain considerable size before the spraying could be attended to.

The clear weather prevailing in the latter part of June and the first part of July was very favorable to spraying, and the work in nearly all cases was successful even when done rather late, although spraying when the caterpillars are small is preferable.

Spraying is one of the most economical ways of controlling the moths, and the creosoting and burlapping might be largely dispensed with if we could be assured of perfect weather through the spraying season.

One of the most effective and practical methods of control is neglected by nearly all landowners, or if attempted at all is done in such a haphazard way as to be nearly useless. This is the careful and systematic removal of trees most favored by the moths, retaining only those which are immune or nearly so. If this were properly done throughout the town the moth problem would be greatly simplified.

Usually when a landowner undertakes this work he leaves many white oaks, which, with the common birch, are the most favored trees, while the maples which are often removed

are nearly immune, and unless near the oaks would cause little trouble.

Of course it is not advisable to remove specimens of great ornamental value, but owners of such trees must expect to undergo considerable expense each year to preserve them and prevent their becoming pest breeders for the vicinity.

Owners planning the removal of trees or woodland thinning may obtain advice free of charge either from this Department or from the State Forester.

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. Riley,

Local Superintendent.

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

There are indications that the elm leaf beetle is again on the increase after several years of scarcity, and it may be necessary to give the elms more careful attention next spring than during the past two years.

A few trees were planted in the spring and all survived the dry spell in July and entered the winter in apparently good condition.

The damage caused the street trees by automobiles is constantly increasing. This happens sometimes through machines becoming unmanageable, but more often in carelessly backing against a tree when turning around in the street. There is some damage caused by horses gnawing the bark of the smaller trees. The only way of avoiding this is by putting wire guards around the trees. This is a matter of considerable expense and labor where many trees are to be protected, and with the funds at the disposal of this Department but little can be done each year.

Considerable trimming was done in the fall, mostly of branches interfering with the use of streets and sidewalks. Owing to the custom of carrying larger and higher loads through the streets it is necessary to trim the trees much higher than formerly, and at times it is difficult to attain the needed height without sacrificing the symmetry of the tree.

Leaf-eating insects of several kinds have caused more injury this year than in many previous years, and control of these was seriously interfered with by heavy rains early in the spraying season.

By continually cutting decayed branches and dead trees from the roadsides we have avoided much of the damage and litter caused by heavy storms, there having been no trouble of this kind except during one very heavy wind early in the winter.

There is so much agitation just now regarding the saving of fuel that it might be well to call attention to a few facts sometimes overlooked. There is much dead wood in the woodlands of Needham which if gathered and properly used

might release for other purposes a large proportion of the coal used in our houses for heating and cooking.

This is at present not only of no use to its owners, but a positive detriment to the living trees as a breeding place for insects, and a serious menace in dry times as a spreader of fires. Of course no one should cut trees, either alive or dead, without the owner's permission, but owners should be glad to grant this to responsible persons (unless intending to use the wood themselves) and such work carried on in a systematic way and under proper supervision would result in the improved appearance of our woodlands and remove a dangerous agent for the spreading of fire.

This could be done without in any way endangering the future supply of wood, which is not true of cutting young and thrifty trees.

There are also many estates where trees are left for ornamental purposes, cases where much fuel could be obtained and at the same time an improvement made in the appearance of the property and a benefit conferred on the remaining trees.

It is not necessary nor advisable to cut trees which are standing for ornamental or even sentimental purposes, but simply those which are standing because they happened to grow there and for no other reason.

There will probably never be greater need for utilizing these than in the next year or two, and it should be remembered that every stick of such fuel properly used means the release of a definite amount of coal, which, while small in the case of each person, would be very large in the aggregate.

E. E. Riley,
Tree Warden.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

January 1, 1918.

David Murdoch, *Chairman*,

Needham Board of Selectmen,

Needham, Mass.

Dear Sir: — I have to submit herewith the annual report of the Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ending December 31, 1917.

In 1917 eighty-three (83) inspections were made as compared with sixty-seven (67) inspections in 1916.

Fees charged and collected amounted to $66.69 in 1917 as compared with $41.93 for the year 1916.

The sum of $66.69 has been turned over to the Town Treasurer.

The Town Accountant has audited the record book and has indicated his approval by writing therein.

All records have been kept properly as required by the State Commissioner of Weights and Measures.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK D. SUTTON,

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

REPORT OF BUILDING INSPECTOR

December 31, 1917.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen: — I herewith submit the fifth annual report of the Building and Plumbing Inspection Department. There have been issued from this office 101 building permits for various kinds of buildings, alterations, and additions. 69 plumbing permits have been issued. All work and materials have been carefully inspected, and in most cases found to be satisfactory. In some cases, extensive changes had to be made to conform to the by-laws. I would suggest that all builders and parties intending to build or to make alterations procure a copy of the by-laws which may be had at this office. I wish to call attention to Part A, Section 3, of the Building By-laws, which is as follows:

"Filing of Intention

> No building, except those which come under the provisions of Revised Laws, Chapter 104, Section 22 (which refers to Public Buildings), and one-story wooden buildings less than ten feet square, shall be erected, and no addition to or alterations changing the construction of any such building shall be made by any person unless he has received a permit therefor from the Inspector of Buildings. For the purpose of obtaining such a permit the person intending to erect or make such alteration in such building shall, before he proceeds to build or erect the same, or lay the foundation thereof, or to make the said alterations, or to do any act for carrying into execution his intention to do such things, file with the Inspector of Buildings on blank forms furnished by said official a notice in writing of his intention with such plans and specifications or a full written description of the structure to be erected, in such form as may be approved by the Inspector."

This also applies to plumbing permits.

Month	No. Permits Issued	Estimated cost
January	11	$19,870
February	3	9,000
March	9	12,050
April	10	13,375
May	9	7,000
June	12	27,030
July	7	25,220
August	4	4,650
September	9	52,600
October	15	23,005
November	4	3,420
December	8	13,900
Total	101	$211,120

Respectfully submitted,

H. Howard Upham,

Building Inspector.

REPORT OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of the Town of Needham:

The Park Commissioners in their last report referred to a comprehensive park system with particular reference to the future. We wish to again emphasize the importance of doing some constructive planning along this line.

At the March meeting we secured an appropriation to be used for the purpose of investigating, surveying, and securing options on various parcels of land for parks, playgrounds, and public reservations. Much thought has been put in on this subject, with the result that various plans which we had previously considered were put aside for the present, and our efforts concentrated on plans for securing one tract of land, the so-called "Newell property," bordering Rosemary Lake.

We have carefully investigated the possibilities of developing this wonderful spot and have no hesitancy in recommending that the town obtain possession of it.

With this end in view, the Park Commissioners entered into negotiations with the owners, resulting in our securing an option on the entire property — 21 acres, including all buildings thereon (2 houses and 1 barn) — for $10,000.00. This option was taken for six months at a cost of one dollar ($1.00) and is good until April. This will give the town an opportunity to vote at the March meeting for its acceptance or rejection.

If the town owned this property, the bathhouse now located at Charles River Park, South Street, would be moved to this central location and make bathing safe for all. The large building could be used for a civic center house and the surrounding grounds could be developed for all kinds of summer and winter sports.

The bathhouse at Charles River Park at South Street has been remarkably well patronized. Life Guard Percy H. Quinlan makes the following report:

Total attendance for the season:

Boys	1,750
Girls	1,794
Largest days attendance, boys	142
Largest days attendance, girls	132

As many as 50 children learned to swim during the season. Many of the children walked from Needham Heights and back, a distance of 4½ miles. It will be seen from this report that the bathhouse serves a useful purpose. If it were located on Rosemary Lake its value would be increased many times.

The various parks in town have been cared for as usual, but work was discontinued earlier than is customary, owing to lack of funds. Benches have been placed on Needham Heights Common by this Department, and we believe they are a source of comfort to a great many.

The flag-pole on Needham Heights Common was discovered to be in an unsafe condition after its 20 years' service, so it was given a very thorough overhauling and will doubtless serve the town a great many years more.

An improvement, by elimination, has been accomplished by cutting away a triangle on Webster Street at Needham Heights in order to conform to plans of the Highway Department for rebuilding the street. Some of the largest bushes in the triangle were transplanted on the Stephen Palmer School grounds.

In conclusion we wish to state that we fully realize that in these troublous times we should go slowly in purchasing land for parks and playgrounds, but we feel it our bounden duty to present the Newell property proposition to the town for its careful consideration in the hope that some way may be devised so that the town may eventually own it.

Arthur G. Curren,
Charles W. Pease,
Preston Mitchell,
Park Commissioners.

LIST OF JURORS

Joseph Alexander	Electrician	Harris Avenue
Josiah M. Ayer	Electrical engineer	Webster Street
George C. Barnes	Machinist	West Street
Edwin F. Beck	Bookkeeper	Webster Street
J. Fletcher Bent	Agent	Manning Street
August C. Brown	Farmer	Charles River Street
J. F. Buckley	Plumber	Dedham Avenue
Arthur A. Cambridge	Promoter	Dedham Avenue
William F. Casey	Electrician	Warren Street
Percy J. Chambers	Knitter	Pine Grove Street
Winthrop M. Chapman	Inventor	Chestnut Street
Frederick R. Chase	Foreman	Chestnut Street
Charles P. Cobb	Machinist	Chestnut Street
Arthur G. Curren	Broker	Webster Street
Edward Daly	Janitor	Reservoir Street
James F. Daly	Machinist	Central Avenue
Chester F. Dewing	Undertaker	Warren Street
George F. Doloff	Instrument maker	Pleasant Street
Alonzo F. Eldridge	Flagman	Curve Street
Harrison Eldridge	Lather	Mayo Avenue
George E. Evens	Bookkeeper	Hillside Avenue
Eugene E. Fairbanks	Restaurant	Chapel Street
Joseph Farrand	Knitter	Hillside Avenue
Clarence E. Foss	Clerk	Fair Oaks Park
John J. Gavagan	Salesman	Maple Street
Theodore G. Graham	Musician	Great Plain Avenue
Otis H. Gilmore	Flagman	Walnut Street
Sampson Hammersley	Shipper	Avery Street
William G. Hart	Mason	Curve Street
Charles L. Haskell	Farmer	Great Plain Avenue
William W. Hewett	Cutter	Greenwood Avenue
George W. Holt	Carpenter	Pickering Street
Luke W. Keith	Retired	Great Plain Avenue
Frank R. Kittredge	Clerk	Manning Street
Harry A. Knowlton	Shipper	Pine Grove Street
William F. Leach	Manager	Webster Street
Samuel F. Light	Grocer	High Street
Charles J. McCormack	Salesman	Norfolk Street
Theodore McIntosh	Farmer	Great Plain Avenue
Sumner B. Mills	Farmer	Central Avenue
George E. Mitchell	Insurance	Grant Street
Frederick W. Morton	Painter	Webster Street

Charles B. Moseley	Manufacturer	Oakland Avenue
James W. Page	Real estate	Great Plain Avenue
Alfred Parker	Carpenter	Marked Tree Road
William G. Price	Jobber	Pickering Street
William A. Probert	Machinist	Highland Avenue
Thomas R. Quinlan	Polisher	West Street
Melville A. Richards	Retired	Great Plain Avenue
Charles E. Roberts	Solicitor	Lincoln Street
Charles I. Ruggles	Bookkeeper	Melrose Avenue
James F. Ryan	Carpenter	Highland Avenue
Winthrop M. Southworth	Publisher	Powers Street
Ernest J. Taylor	Inventor	West Street
Joseph B. Thorpe	Manufacturer	High Street
John A. Tilton	Farmer	South Street
Nathaniel Wales	Farmer	Noyes Street
Arthur W. Walkup	Real estate	Chestnut Street
Bernard F. Whitaker	Salesman	Highland Avenue
Joseph Willett	Coal dealer	Warren Street
William T. Wilson	Mason	Mellen Street
George E. Wragg	Superintendent	West Street
C. Fred Wood	Clerk	Great Plain Avenue
Leon I. Wood	Clerk	Webster Street
A. Newell Wyeth	Retired	South Street

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR

January 31, 1918.

To the Citizens of Needham:

The Board of Overseers of the Poor hereby present their fourth annual report, being for the year 1917.

The past year we have spent more money than in the previous three years, on a less number of cases, but the increased cost of living and hospital expenses accounts for the large sum expended.

We want to thank Mr. William Carter for his donation of cord wood to the town, as it will help the town poor considerably. We also feel indebted to the physicians for their help in sickness to our town poor. The Board wishes greater co-operation with the charitable societies of the town in what they are doing, both for their benefit and for the better disposition of the town's funds.

Comparative statistics follow:

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1917

Register Number	Personal	Duration of Aid	Type of Aid	Amount
407	Adult female	10 weeks	Board and misc.	$45 36
325	Widow	3 months	Board	38 56
239	Family of 7	52 weeks	Food, fuel, rent	353 85
409	Family of 7	1 day	Food	1 81
412	Adult male	75 days	Hospital-institution	99 73
408	Family of 4	11 months	Cash	332 11
343	Widow	12 months	Cash, fuel, rent	227 35
155	Family of 3	12 months	Rent, fuel, hospital	167 50
375	Minor	52 weeks	Institution	132 42
400	Widow	1 week	Cash	7 00
410	Family of 3	52 weeks	Cash	303 96
302	Family of 5	15 days	Cash	16 00
264	Family of 2	5 months	Rent	46 00
121	Widow	52 weeks	Board	262 55
238	Adult female	52 weeks	Hospital, board, misc.	557 56
346	Family of 6	9 months	Food, fuel, cash, misc.	366 69
321	Widow	52 weeks	Food, fuel, rent, misc.	227 16
413	Widower	39 days	Food, fuel	26 39
347	Family of 2	52 weeks	Cash	459 21

Schedule of Expenditures—*continued*

Registe Number	Personal	Duration of Aid	Type of Aid	Amount
228	Family of 2	8 months	Food and rent	$104 00
411	Adult male	5 weeks	Board, burial	53 90
402	Widow	9 months	Institution, clothing	193 35
285	Family of 3	52 weeks	Food, fuel, rent, misc.	301 05
404	Family of 5	52 weeks	Food, fuel, rent	347 55
384	Family of 5	52 weeks	Food, cash, fuel	439 00
163	Widow	52 weeks	Cash	60 00
120	Adult male	52 weeks	Board	209 11
335	Family of 3	1 month	Rent, fuel	11 00
414	Adult female	8 days	Hospital	11 43
59	Adult female	52 weeks	Board	208 53
394	Family of 2	52 weeks	Food, rent, med. att'd	394 01
247	Adult female	2 months	Food and med. att'd	25 31
415	Family of 2	2 weeks	Food, fuel	15 53
253	Family of 2	52 weeks	Food, fuel, rent	320 12
416	Adult male	4 weeks	Board	24 00
417	Family of 8	3 weeks	Food	12 00
				$6,401 10

Town Physician (3 months)	$37 50
Agent and Clerk	180 00
Miscellaneous	107 63
Total expenditures	$6,726 23
Less reimbursements during 1917	1,134 37
Net cost to the town	$5,591 86

Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

1917 expenditures	$6,640 07	1917 appropriation	$5,500 00
Balance overdraft	5 70	Reimbursement	1,134 37
	$6,634 37		$6,634 37

Expended from regular 1917 appropriation	$6,640 07
Expended from deficiency appropriation	86 16
Total expended for Poor Department in 1917	$6,726 23

Comparative Classification of Aid Rendered

	1914	1915	1916	1917
Board	$1,506 76	$2,079 13	$1,524 75	$839 18
Rent	899 67	950 00	946 00	1,024 00
Carried forward	$2,406 43	$3,029 13	$2,470 75	$1,863 18

Brought forward	$2,406 43	$3,029 13	$2,470 75	$1,863 18
Food	1,388 34	1,373 84	1,298 94	1,695 12
Fuel	291 61	324 23	317 93	307 30
Medicine and medical attention	531 90	371 18	265 16	76 70
Agent's salary	180 00	180 00	180 00	180 00
Departmental expenses	96 75	123 46	181 33	191 26
Hospital and institutions	601 67	670 36	370 52	915 49
Burials		187 96	53 00	30 00
Cash disbursed	867 70	728 52	852 20	1,467 18
Gross expenses	$6,364 40	$6,988 68	$5,989 83	$6,726 23
Reimbursements	851 95	1,401 23	876 25	1,134 37
Net expenditures	$5,511 45	$5,587 45	$5,113 58	$5,591 86

Comparative Costs of Aid Rendered

	1914	1915	1916	1917
Hospital and infirmary per person, per day	$1 12	$1 12	$ 56	$ 86
Temporary aid per case, per day	33	42	63	74
Boarded or fully supported per person, per week	4 14	3 97	3 69	4 39
Number of cases aided	46	68	43	36
Number of persons aided	136	155	107	89
Cost per inhabitant, based at 6,600 population	93	89	77	85
Physicians' visits	119	146	No record	

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred T. Baker,
Susan W. Fiske,
Evan C. Thorpe.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham:

The Board of Health submits herewith its annual report together with recommendations for the current year.

Following election the Board was organized with Norman A. DuBois, Ph. D., as chairman, J. Walter Schirmer, M. D, as secretary, and Virgil A. Rowe. The town of Needham is still fortunate in having the opportunity of continuing to be associated with a number of neighboring towns in securing the services of a Co-operative Health Organization, as in no other way is it possible to secure so efficient and careful a supervision at so small a cost to the town.

Mr. H. E. Berger, Jr., who has charge of the affairs of the Co-operative Health Organization, is an expert. He acts as the agent of the Board, and an examination of his report will show the great amount of care and attention to detail which is necessarily carried out in protecting the Needham citizens from the dangers of contageous diseases by an eternal vigilance over the avenues of contamination.

We respectfully suggest a careful consideration of our Agent's report which is appended. We also call attention to the report of the Inspector of Cattle which is likewise appended.

The necessity of a public health nurse who would instruct infected children in the schools and make helpful suggestions in their homes to the parents, as well as do much among the operatives in the factories to prevent the spread of contagious diseases, has been made evident to the Board, and it is hoped that in the near future the town will avail itself of the services of such a nurse. Perhaps this may be possible under the School Department alone or in conjunction with the Board of Health.

Needham is one of the cleanest and healthiest communities in New England and the Board earnestly requests a continuance of interest in its affairs on the part of the town's inhabitants, as is it only by such co-operation and individual suggestion that the Board can perform with maximum efficiency.

Respectfully submitted,

NORMAN A. DUBOIS, *Chairman,*
J. WALTER SCHIRMER, *Secretary,*
VIRGIL A. ROWE.

AGENT'S REPORT

To the Board of Health of Needham, Mass.:

Gentlemen: It is with great pleasure that I submit my report as Agent and Milk Inspector for the year of 1917.

Co-operative Health Organization

The services of the Co-operating Boards of Health of which I have the pleasure of being director were retained by you for the year 1917. The purpose and the service rendered by this organization have been described in previous reports of the Board.

Diseases Dangerous to Public Health

Community Protection

The Board endeavors to check the spread of infection by hastening diagnosis with laboratory findings when possible and by promptly isolating the person ill upon notification of a case of contageous disease. Many times the attending physician has telephoned the report of such an illness and thereby much time has been saved in quarantining the patient. While this is of great help to the Agent, the physician is not released from his obligation by law which requires him to also send a report in writing to the Board.

Diphtheria

Diphtheria cases to the number of six were reported to the Board. On referring to the appended tables it will be seen that at no time was there an outbreak of the illness. All cases were diagnosed at the laboratory by the bacteriologist. All cases recovered.

Scarlet Fever

Six cases of scarlet fever is a reduction of ten from last year's record. Careful investigation failed to reveal any possible sourse of infection. No fatalities occurred.

Infantile Paralysis

One case of the much-dreaded infantile was reported to the Board. The report was received by telephone and by the time the Agent had arrived the child had passed away.

TABLE I

Cases of Communicable Diseases by Years For the Last Ten Years

DISEASES	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917
Diphtheria	12	5	8	6	4	11	5	15	5	6
Scarlet fever	3	3	5	4	0	2	5	25	16	6
Typhoid fever	2	1	1	0	1	2	4	1	0	0
Tuberculosis	0	1	8	7	6	9	12	7	8	13
Chicken-pox	0	0	5	0	0	1	0	28	24	5
Cerebrospinal meningitis	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Infantile paralysis	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Ophthalmia neonatorum	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Measles	0	3	179	6	20	6	7	209	31	48
Whooping cough	0	0	3	2	1	0	1	54	62	11
German measles	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	46
Lobar pneumonia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Malaria	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Mumps	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Smallpox	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Suppurative conjunctivitis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	17	13	212	26	32	32	35	348	148	143

TABLE II

Cases of Diseases Dangerous to the Public Health by Months—1917

DISEASES	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Chicken-pox	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	5
Diphtheria	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	6
Measles	13	0	0	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	48
Mumps	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Scarlet fever	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	6
Tuberculosis	0	1	1	2	4	3	0	2	1	0	1	0	15
Whooping cough	6	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Ophthalmia neonatorum	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
German measles	0	0	0	7	13	25	1	0	0	0	0	0	46
Lobar pneumonia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Suppurative conjunctivitis	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	22	4	4	15	24	29	1	2	3	1	7	31	143

Tuberculosis

The danger which impresses the Agent most is that which arises from the menace of the "white plague." Fifteen cases of tuberculosis were reported to the Board. This number is almost double the number reported during the year 1916. Needham has a serious problem on her hands in combating this disease. The Board through its Agent takes all possible measures to prevent the spread of the disease, but more decisive action must be taken by the town of Needham itself. The Agent has given sufferers from this malady sputum cups, which have been furnished by the Co-operating Boards of Health.

There is urgent necessity in Needham for a public health nurse, a nurse who can devote all her time to the care of school children and caring for cases of contagious disease. Better babies, stronger children, and healthier adults are assurred.

Measles

During the last month of the year 1917 Needham experienced an outbreak of measles. This illness is most difficult to control as all damage is done before authorities know of the existence of the disease. Thoughtless parents send their children to school suffering from a catarrhal condition, running eyes, and a cough. This is the way the infection starts. Once started it is most difficult to control.

The illness itself while not dangerous should be avoided because of the complications which may follow it. The most common after-effects of the disease are pneumonia and tuberculosis.

Pneumonia

State law, effective this year, makes lobar pneumonia a reportable disease, which places it in the same class with other infectious diseases such as diphtheria, scarlet fever, etc. Only recently has the seriousness of this disease, its extreme infectiousness, and high mortality rate received the attention which this illness demands. Mortality from this disease is greater than that from any of the other reportable diseases.

The Laboratory

During the year the Laboratory examinations for the physicians were as follows:

Examination for	
Diphtheria	121
Typhoid fever	15
Tuberculosis	30
Malaria	5
Gonorrhoea	6
Specials	2
Total	179

Milk

The examination of the Needham milk supply was continued along the lines of previous years, namely: dairy inspections and monthly chemical and bacteriological examinations. The appended tables were compiled for the purpose of giving the readers of the town report an idea of the quality of the milk sold by the Needham dealers. A buyer obtains most for his money when he obtains milk high in butter fat and total solids and with a low bacterial count. The State law requires that milk shall have at least 3.35% fat and 12% total solids. The Needham Board of Health has set a maximum limit of 300,000 bacteria per cubic centimeter.

TABLE III

MEDIAN NUMBER OF BACTERIA PER C.C. FOR EACH DEALER, 1917

DEALER	*Median No. Bact. per c.c.	Number of Samples
Bezanson, E. F.	34,000	12
Eaton, Harris H.	16,000	12
Hood, H. P. & Sons†	13,500	8
McMullen, W. B., Reg.	29,000	12
McMullen, W. B., baby	34,000	12
Stewart, J. W.	5,000	12
Webb, K. E.	42,000	12

* The median number is the middle number selected after the bacterial counts have been arranged in the order of their magnitude.

† Pasteurized supply. Sold out.

Dairy Inspection

The dairies of all dealers supplying milk to Needham are inspected by the Agent. This inspection gives insight into the methods of milking and handling of the product. In gen-

eral the conditions are good. The equipment of most of them is not very extensive, but all keep what they have in a cleanly condition and this is the most important step in the production of a clean and sanitary supply.

Complaints

During the year twenty-two (22) complaints were received by the Board. The majority of these had to do with sewage disposal and were in the greater part due to the negligence of the owners of the property.

TABLE IV

COMPLAINTS	Complaints Received	No. of Inspections	Abated	No Cause for Action
Overflowing cesspools	15	30	15	0
Property unsanitary	1	2	0	1
Offensive odor	1	1	0	1
Pigs offensive	1	2	1	0
Unsanitary outhouse	4	8	4	0
Totals	22	43	20	2

Water Supply

The Laboratory tests the water supply of Needham each month to determine whether or not it is free from pollution. All tests showed the supply to be free from contamination.

Fly and Mosquito Work

The Board of Health has endeavored through regulations and by means of leaflets to secure the co-operation of the public in ridding the town of breeding places of flies and mosquitoes. No funds are available to carry on this work properly, but much can be done which is of benefit to the community by the help of the residents.

Garbage

The question of garbage collection is a weighty one. Many persons go away for the summer and upon returning neglect to notify the Board of their return. As a result much discredit is heaped upon the collector. A telephone call to the office

will bring the collector on his next trip. The collector is doing an important work and as a reward for his labor should receive all the organic household waste in the town. Much discomfort to the householder will be avoided if he will wrap corn husks, beet-tops, and like refuse in a paper and place this beside the garbage container. These materials have little food value and have the tendency to dry rather than to decay.

Respectfully,

H. E. Berger, Jr.,
Agent and Milk Inspector.

☞Bring this Report with you to the Town-Meeting, as there will be no copies for distribution.

TOWN OF NEEDHAM

REPORT

OF THE

FINANCE COMMITTEE

TO THE TOWN

AT THE

ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 5, 1917

NEEDHAM HEIGHTS
HIGHLAND PRESS
1917

REPORT

The Finance Committee submits this report to the citizens of Needham after conference with various departments and individuals responsible for the special articles in the warrant.

Special appropriations of $9,350. are asked for, $6,500. was appropriated for special purposes in 1916.

The subdivisions under department appropriations merely indicate approximately how money is expended.

The Treasurer's reports show a surplus Jan. 1, 1916 of $3,930.26 and Jan. 1, 1917 of $12,231.17.

The valuation in 1916 was $649,105 more than in 1915.

The tax rate was reduced from $18.70 to $18.00.

The uncontrolled expenditures for State, Metropolitan Park, County, Charles River Basin, and State Highway taxes showed in 1916 an increase of only $1,197.40 over 1915 while the increase in 1915 over 1914 was $2,249.99. These taxes amount to $28,312.75 or practically $2.75 of our tax rate.

If the Finance Committee's recommendations are carried out the tax rate should be materially reduced as the total appropriation does not exceed last year's.

ARTICLE 4

The Committee recommends the money received from dog licenses, be appropriated for the use of Public Library.

ARTICLE 6

Selectmen's Department, $750 (salaries $450, expenses $200, clerk $100).

Accounting, $1000 (salary $900, expenses $100).

Treasurer, $925 (salary $500, clerk $100, bond $125, expenses $200).

Tax Collector $1000 (for salary and expenses).

Assessors, $2300 (salaries $1300, incidentals $500, plans $500).

A decrease of $500 over 1916. Under Article 8 last year it was moved and voted "that the Finance Committee be instructed to prepare and submit to the town at a future meeting an equitable plan for the compensation of the assessors."

The Committee carefully considered this vote giving one evening to the maker of the motion and two to conferences with the assessors.

The Law Sec. 99, Chapter 12, to which the assessors have often referred when the question of salaries has been mentioned is "Each assessor shall be paid by his city or town $2.50 a day for every whole day in which he is employed in that service and such additional compensation as the city or town shall allow."

Needham has not voted any specified salary to the assessors and the amount collected by the assessors has increased from $581.25 in 1906 when 926 houses were assessed to $1865.50 in 1916 when 1440 were assessed, the total valuation increasing from $4,499,422 to $9,621,795. It cost 12 9-10c per thousand to assess in 1906 and 19 4-10c in 1916.

The Finance Committee finds it costs Dedham 10 1-2c, Wellesley 11 7-10c, Wakefield 13c, Watertown 15 1-2c, Arlington 16 2-10c, and that all assessors receive a specified salary in these towns.

The Finance Committee recommends that the principal assessor receive $900 per year and give his entire time, that the two assistant assessors receive $200 each per year, and that any additional clerical work required be done by the Town Accountant. That hearings on abatements or any other matters requiring attendance of a majority of the board be held only on specified dates.

Under Article 28 of last year's annual warrant it was voted "that the selectmen shall cause the valuation list to be printed" the preparing of same has been done by the assessors at $2.50 per day at a total cost estimated from $100 to $400. In 1906 the list of 143 pages was copied for $40, in 1915 there were only 10 per cent. more pages. If the town votes to print the valuation list this year the Finance Committee further recommends that the Selectmen have same copied by the Town Accountant.

Should the assessors not elect to work for salaries voted it is recommended that they render itemized bills for the number of days' work done and not for services in a lump sum.

Finance Committee, $150 (Printing and distribution of report).

Town Clerk, $475 (Salary $250, fees $100., expenses $125).

Election $550, (salaries registrars $160, election officers $150, expenses $60, printing $180).

Care of Town Hall $1200 and an amount equal to the receipts. A decrease of $200 over 1916, last year's expenses for painting and decorating being uncalled for this year and $200 more than 1915 due to decrease in rents from $892 in 1914, $577 in 1915 to $425 in 1916.

Water Commissioners: The Committee recommends that this board serve without pay as do the School Committee, Overseers of the Poor, Board of Health, Finance Committee and Library Trustees.

Hydrants $3000. The Water Commissioners believe they can get along with the same amount as last year.

Sec. 8 (of the Act passed in 1889 to supply the Town of Needham with water). The town shall raise annually by taxation a sum together with the income derived from the water rates as will be sufficient to pay the current annual expenses of operating its water work and the interest as it accrues on the bonds, notes and scrip issued as aforesaid by said town, and to enable said town to make such contribution to the sinking fund and payments on the principal as may be required under the provisions of this act."

This $3000 appropriation neither represents the amount of water used for public purposes such as horse troughs, drinking fountains, and park, Town Hall, Engine House, Highway department or School services nor does it represent a deficiency between operating expense and revenue. During the past few years there has been transferred from Maintenance account to Construction account the sum of $16,670.26, last year the amount was $4,074.22, in 1914 none was transferred presumably due in part on account of $2,920 being spent on the Colburn house which the Water Commissioners rent for $25 per month.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE PRESENTS ITS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1917 AND A COMPARATIVE TABLE FOR 1916

1916							1917			
Appropriation	Receipts	Total	Expended	Balance	Unpaid Bills	Purpose of Appropriation	Estimates	Finance Com. Rec.	Increase	Decrease
					Received to Feb. 22	**General Government** Art.				
$750.00	.....	$750.00	$743.87	$9.41	$3.28	5 Selectmen's Dept.	750.00	**$750.00**	.....	.....
1,000.00	.....	1,000.00	998.02	1.98	.....	5 Accounting Dept.	1,000.00	**1,000.00**	.....	.....
900.00	.....	900.00	933.85	8.73	42.58	5 Treasurer's Dept.	925.00	**925.00**	$25.00	.....
1,000.00	A $68.78	1,068.78	1,068.78	.....	.....	5 Tax Collector's Dept.	1,000.00	**1,000.00**	.....	.....
475.00	.....	475.00	504.42	.....	29.42	5 Town Clerk's Dept.	475.00	**475.00**	.....	.....
2,800.00	.....	2,800.00	2,817.55	.....	17.55	5 Assesors' Dept.	2,800.00	**2,300.00**	.....	500.00
100.00	A 27.24	127.24	127.24	.....	.....	5 Finance Committee	150.00	**150.00**	50.00	.....
550.00	.....	550.00	525.48	24.52	.....	5 Election & Reg.	550.00	**550.00**	.....	.....
1,400.00	B 710.00	2,110.00	2,109.40	.60	.....	5 Care Town Hall.....	G 1,200.00	**1,200.00**	.....	200.00
225.00	.....	225.00	225.00	.....	.....	5 Water Commis.	225.00	.....	.....	225.00
						Protection of Life and Property				
3,700.00	260.00	3,960.00	3,560.90	.02	399.12	5 Police	G 4,250.00	**4,250.00**	550.00	.....
300.00	.....	300.00	300.00	.....	.....	5 Fire Dept. Eng.	300.00	**300.00**	.....	.....
3,000.00	.....	3,00.00	3,000.00	.....	.....	5 Hydrants	3,000.00	**3,000.00**	.....	.....
4,750.00	7.00	4,757.00	4,448.70	342.47	34.17	5 Fire Dept.	5,248.00	**4,750.00**	.....	.....
2,260.00	58.27	2,318.27	2,197.83	144.77	24.33	5 Fire Alarm	G 2,575.00	**2,000.00**	.....	260.00
1,100.00	58.10	1,158.10	1,148.17	.16	10.09	5 Inspection	G 1,100.00	**1,100.00**	.....	.....
700.00	.....	700.00	700.00	.....	.....	5 Tree Warden	700.00	**700.00**	.....	.....
4,204.35	2,599.48	6,803.83	6,719.73	84.10	.....	5 Moths and $3,000 for private work	3,915.13	**3,915.13**	.....	289.22
145.00	.....	145.00	140.20	4.80	.....	5 Forest Warden	145.00	**145.00**	.....	.....
						5 Fish & Game Ward.	25.00	**25.00**	25.00	.....
1,173.00	50.61	1,223.61	1,073.00	150.61	.....	5 Insurance	1,500.00	**1,500.00**	327.00	.....
1,400.00	146.00	1,546.00	1,014.71	723.59	192.30	5 Board of Health.....	1,400.00	**1,050.00**	.....	3.50
100.00	.....	100.00	41.65	58.35	.....	25 Garbage Disposal...	150.00	**150.00**	50.00	.....

						Highways & Bridges				
00.00	C $1,876.99	$23,991.11	$24,637.28	7.28	653.45	6 Highway, etc.	G $25,000.00	**18,000.00**	$2,000.00	.....
.....	555.49	.....	.....	.....	.....	Street Railway Tax	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	1,558.63	.....	.....	.....	.....	Excise Tax	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	4,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	State and County	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Stone Crusher	1,500.00	**1,500.00**	1,500.00	.....
00.00	1,126.35	4,126.35	4,126.05	.30	.....	6 Sidewalks	G 3,000.00	**3,000.00**	.....	.....
00.00	A 105.45	2,105.45	2,295.10	.....	189.65	6 Snow Removal	1,500.00	**1,500.00**	.....	500.00
00.00	13.10	8,713.10	8,677.72	35.38	.....	6 Street Lighting	9,000.00	**9,000.00**	300.00	.....
						Charities				
00.00	876.25	6,376.25	5,614.36	825.74	63.85	6 Poor	5,500.00	**4,750.00**	.....	750.00
						Soldiers' Benefits				
50.00	.....	1,350.00	1,088.00	262.00	.....	6 State Aid	1,300.00	**1,100.00**	.....	250.00
00.00	.....	674.90	674.90	425.10	.....	6 Soldiers' Relief	1,000.00	**700.00**	.....	400.00
						Education				
12.00	141.02	52,763.02	53,870.61	4.25	1,111.84	6 Schools	55,750.00	**55,350.00**	2,938.00	.....
.....	210.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	Dwight Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....
00.00	.....	300.00	300.00	.....	.....	6 School Physician	300.00	**300.00**	.....	.....
00.00	172.50	672.50	463.51	208.99	.....	23 Vocational Schools	500.00	**500.00**	.....	.....
00.00	E 361.85	4,060.23	4,041.09	.....	10.86	6 Library	3,500.00	**3,250.00**	2 50.00	.....
.....	698.38	.....	.....	.....	.....	Dog Taxes	642.35	.....	.....	.....
						Recreation				
00.00	5.49	705.49	700.00	.....	5.49	6 Parks	800.00	**700.00**	.....	.....
00.00	.....	400.00	346.14	53.86	.....	14 Playgr'd Avery Sch'l	400.00	**400.00**	.....	.....
						Unclassified				
50.00	.....	150.00	150.00	.....	.....	6 Memorial Day	150.00	**150.00**	.....	.....
00.00	.....	1,200.00	.....	22.34	81.40	6 Incidentals	1,350.00	**1,350.00**	150.00	.....
00.00	A 21.87	2,021.87	2,021.87	.....	.....	6 Unpaid Bills	3,500.00	**3,500.00**	150.00	.....

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1917 AND COMPARATIVE TABLE FOR 1916—(*Continued*)

1916							1917			
pria-n	Receipts	Total	Expended	Balance	Unpaid Bills	Purpose of Appropriation	Estimates	Finance Com. Rec.	Increase	Decrease
0.00	.....	$1,000.00	$1,000.00	.....	.....	6 Reserve Fund	$1,000.00	$1,000.00	.....	.....
0.00	.....	1,000.00	1,000.00	.....	.....	Cookson	.....	.....	.....	$1,000.00
						Interest and Indebtedness				
0.00	F 4,029.01	6,529.01	4,759.14	1,769.87	.....	6 Int. on Temp. Loan..	2,500.00	2,500.00	.....	.....
1.00	.....	6,991.00	6,991.00	.....	.....	6 Int. on Gen'l Loan...	6,675.00	6,675.00	.....	316.00
0.00	.....	18,300.00	18,300.00	.....	.....	6 Municipal Indebted..	16,500.00	1,650.00	.....	1,800.00
0.00	.....	2,000.00	1,918.08	81.92	.....	Abatement Taxes ...	.....	.....	.....	2,000.00
0.00	.....	400.00	343.01	56.99	.....	Pierce Bridge	.....	.....	.....	400.00
0.00	.....	3,000.00	D 3,000.00	.....	.....	High Rock St. Bridge	.....	.....	.....	3,000.00
0.00	.....	2,000.00	2,000.00	.....	.....	Gravel Bank	.....	.....	.....	2,000.00
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 Home Gardens	200.00	200.00	200.00	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 Motor Fire App'tus	5,500.00	4.500.00	4,500.00	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 Washburn's Field...	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 Park Com. Survey..	500.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 Forest Fire Observ.	100.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26 Glover Hospital....	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	.....
35.35	$19,737.86	$186,848.11	$182,848.28	$5,308.13	$2,869.38		$183,050.48	$168,610.13	$15,365.00	$14,340.22

Transferred from Reserve Fund.
Transferred from Reserve Fund $250.00.
Transferred from Reserve Fund 220.72.
Balance carried to 1917, $1,230.15.
Transferred from Reserve Fund $300.00.
Includes interest received on taxes and assessments.
Aud. Receipts

The Water Commissioners were unable to tell the Finance Committee what a proper charge for water for public purposes would be, the Town Treasurer was unable to find out whether the Water Department had sufficient funds on hand or due to pay interest due March 1st. The Selectmen expressed their willingness to cooperate with the Water Commissioners and instruct the Town Accountant to extend whatever assistance was necessary to ascertain these important facts. A year ago there were 10 sprinkler systems and 22 private hydrants for which no charge was made. The income in Wellesley for such service was $360 in 1916. The Finance Committee recommends that a proper charge be made in Needham for such service.

The Finance Committee also recommends that in 1918 the appropriation be made for the extension of the water works, and for other necessary expenses and liabilities incurred under the act referred to.

The Finance Committee further recommends that unexpended balance be turned into the treasury at the close of the current year.

Sect. 10 of the Act provides that all the authority granted to said town by this act and not otherwise specially provided for, shall be vested in said board of Water Commissioners who shall be subject, however, to such instructions, rules and regulations as said town may impose by its vote.

Police $4,250 and an amount equal to the receipts from fines and other sources. An increase of $550 over 1916 and $250 over 1915. The Selectmen and the Chief believe that the time has arrived for adding a permanent man to the department, and the Committee recommends that the resident special police officer be stationed in the Upper Falls district as in years past. Three hundred dollars of the deficiency is due to the reward offered.

Fire Department maintenance: $4,750 and an amount equal to the receipts, (Auto and horse hire $1,250, rent $72, repairs and maintenance of stations $578, repairs and maintenance of apparatus and equipment $350, salaries of men $1,150, paid service $800, drill $300, contingencies $250). Same amount as last year. There were only 34 recorded alarms last year as compared with 69 in 1915, and 82 in 1914. No new hose is needed this year.

Fire Alarm: $2,000, (New overhead lines $400, boxes $330, tappers $70, battery room $300, repairs $300, salary $600). A decrease of $260.

The New England Insurance Exchange as a result of a recent inspection of the system recommends replacing wooden battery racks with metal frames (allowance has been made for same in the amount recommended); the installation of a compressed air whistle (this will have to come in the near future). Various changes in boxes (which are provided for) and a universal box in the telephone exchange.

Inspection $1,100 and an amount equal to the receipts. Same as last year. Salaries and expenses of wire, building and plumbing inspectors, inspectors of weights and measures, and cattle.

Extermination of Gyspy and Brown-Tail moths: $3,915.13, and $3,000 for work on private property and an amount equal to the receipts, a decrease from last year owing to the purchase of a sprayer last year.

Forest Warden: $145 same as last year (salary $100, incidentals $45).

Fish and Game Warden $25. The Law states that: "The annual compensation of every such warden, not exceeding fifty dollars shall be paid by the city or town in which he is appointed."

Insurance: $1,500. Covering premiums on Town buildings and contents due in 1917.

Board of Health: $1,050 and an amount equal to the receipts, (salary of agent $650, incidentals $50, contagious cases $350.) Decrease of $350 from last year.

Highways $18,000 and an amount equal to receipts from private individuals, the railway and excise tax. And $3,000 for use if Selectmen's petition is allowed for further grants from the Motor Vehicles Fund and County.

Two thousand more than last year on account of the increased cost of material and labor.

Since the Finance Committee in 1913 recommended that the Town apply to the state for assistance in building some of our through roads, the State and County have given the town $10,175.21 and the Selectmen expect additional sums this year.

Removing and Erecting Stone Crusher $1,500. The Committee recommends this specific amount for this purpose.

Sidewalks $3,000 and an amount equal to the receipts, same as last year; $3,100 was spent for construction last year.

Street Lighting: $9,000 an increase of $300 due in part to the installation of new and larger lights along Highland Ave., and to provide for better lighting along Warren St., from Junction Station to Dedham Ave.

Poor. $4750.00 and an amount equal to the receipts and reimbursements. A decrease of $750.00. The unexpended balance last year was $825.00.

Schools. $55,350.00 together with the income from the Dwight School Fund and an amount equal to the receipts from sale of books and tuition. An increase of $2938. This is $400.00 less than the school committee's request being expense of School Committee's rooms which the Finance Committee believes is an unnecessary expense. The increase is on account of additional teachers needed next fall, proposed extensive renovation of the High School, new type-writers and furniture at High School. The deficit is partly on account of unexpected repairs to boilers called for by the state officials and increase in cost of supplies.

School Physicians $300.00 same as last year.

Public Library:—$3250.00, and an amount equal to the receipts from dog taxes, fines and other resources. Salaries: Librarian $780.00, assistants $720.00, branch assistants $208.00, Janitor $420.00, books $800.00, binding $200.00, periodicals $140.00, supplies $100.00, expenses, etc., $202.00, heat $300.00.

Unclassified $1350.00 for legal expenses, printing and distribution of town report, expense of dog officer, printing town bonds, certification of town notes, printing by-laws and plumbing laws.

Reserve Fund $1000.00. Same as last year. Last year the entire amount was transferred. $250.00 to Town Hall on account of reduction in rentals, $27.24 to Finance Committee on account of reports for two special town meetings. $300.00 to Library for floor covering and other necessary expenses, $105.45 to Snow removal on account of unusual demands on this appropriation. $68.78 to Tax Collector on account of additional bonding expense, $220.72 to Highway Department on account of increased wages voted at special September meeting, $5.94 to Inspection Department and $21.87 to Deficiency in 1915 to balance accounts.

Municipal Indebtedness, $16,500.00, eighteen hundred dollars less than last year due to Glover Spring and High School loans being paid off in 1916.

Deficiencies in 1916 $3500.00. While this amount is larger than last year, the bulk were unavoidable and could have been paid out of the unexpended balances had the town so voted.

ARTICLE 7

The Committee recommends that the unexpended balances for year 1916 be returned to the treasury. The Committee further recommends that unexpended balances for 1917 be applied to pay deficiencies in 1917.

Since the January meeting has been discontinued there has been no way to pay deficiencies or unpaid bills presented after the town's books were closed early in January, and bills which should be paid promptly have had to wait until an appropriation for same in March. Last year's unexpended balances would have paid all deficiencies.

ARTICLE 8

The Committee recommends that the compensation of Collector of Taxes be the same as in 1916.

ARTICLE 9

The Committee recommends that the easement be granted and that the report of the special committee be accepted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Appointed by Moderator and authorized by vote of Town at Special Town Meeting held Sept. 5, 1916.

The Committee was made up of S. H. Wragg, Chairman, G. W. Crawley, Secretary, J. M. McCracken, W. W. Carter, and Louis Hasenfus.

The vote instructed the committee to confer with the Public Service Commission and officials of the Railroad Company to secure, if possible, the stopping of passenger trains at Bird's Hill, to arrange details of an agreement with reference to additional land, if same seemed necessary, and to take up such other questions as might properly be considered by such a committee and report its recommendation to the town at the next regular Town Meeting.

The first conference was with Mr. Woodward, General Superintendent of the Railroad Company on Oct. 23rd, which resulted in the committee's ascertaining that the Railroad Company were satisfied with the original tract of land voted them in March, that he believed the company's counsel, Mr. Farnum, and the town's counsel could draft a deed covering the town's vote of last March, and that the company would stop trains as soon as the papers were passed.

The next meeting was held a few days later at the site with the Company's engineer and Division Superintendent.

At this meeting a revised plan was presented covering the same area, 77000 sq. ft., but with only 147 feet frontage on Gt. Plain Ave., instead of 346 feet, eliminating one of the objections to the plan presented last March. The tract extends 770 ft. along the railroad, is from 70′ to 110′ wide. The proposed buildings for passenger and freight depots extend only 12′ on the town's land. The balance of the land asked for being needed for approaches.

A careful study of the three plans, March, September and the revised one convinced the committee that the latest one was the best.

The September plan would have required all the land now asked for, also the 15,000 sq. ft. for passenger depot and 44,000 sq. ft. for freight depot and yard with spur tracks running onto the town land. This latest plan calls for the freight siding being entirely on land now owned by the Company.

The Committee next had a conference with Mr. Farnum, the Company's counsel, which resulted in his confirming Mr. Woodward's promise that trains would be stopped at Bird's Hill and that he would make a draft of a deed covering revised plan and providing for possible widening of Great Plain Ave., without the town's laying themselves open to any damages on account of such widening.

The Committee unanimously approved the form of deed and secured the town counsel's approval.

The Committee asks the voters to act favorably on this motion which it will offer under Article 10. (Appended).

The town counsel in answer to request to explain "rights which railroad company would acquire if it located upon and took said land by eminent domain for depot and station purposes", writes that if the grant is for an easement for depot and station purposes, such a limitation would seem to warrant a feeling that the town might eventually secure a station on the land. Under the broader term the railroad holds the land as long as it is used "for the purposes of a railroad."

The railroad's right of way is wide enough now and the land in question of such a nature that there could be no excuse to use it for other than the proposed purpose, that of approaches to passenger and freight stations at Bird's Hill when same are necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL H. WRAGG,
JAMES M. McCRACKEN,
LOUIS HASENFUS,
W. W. CARTER,
G. WALDO CRAWLEY.

PROPOSED MOTION

Moved that the selectmen be and hereby are authorized and instructed to sign, seal, execute and deliver to The New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, a deed to an easement in a strip of land not exceeding 77,000 square feet adjoining the railroad location and Great Plain Avenue, and being a part of the water reservation, so called, and near the bridge on Great Plain Avenue; said easement to consist of the same rights which the railroad company would acquire if it located upon and took said land by eminent domain for depot and station purposes.

ARTICLE 10

The Committee recommends that no action be taken under this article. Melrose Ave. is a private way.

ARTICLE 11

The Committee recommends that $200.00 be appropriated for paid supervision of Boys' and Girls' Club founded for co-operative extension work in agriculture and Home Economies, same to be expended under the direction of the School Committee.

ARTICLE 12

The Committee recommends the acceptance of this law. There are six holders of such licenses illegally issued as the town has not accepted this law as required.

Chapter 433, Acts of 1909.

An act relative to the sale of ice cream, confectionery, soda water and fruit on the Lord's Day.

I. The licensing board and the selectmen of towns may grant licenses to reputable persons who on secular days are retail dealers of ice cream, confectionery, soda water and fruit.

In towns it shall take effect upon its acceptance by the voters of the town at the annual town meeting.

ARTICLE 13

The Committee recommends the acceptance of this statute and that the time for transaction of town business be at least one week after the election of town officers.

Chapter 59 of Acts of 1916.

I. Any town, upon its acceptance of this act, may provide that the election of town officers and the vote on the question of granting liquor licenses shall take place at any time within a week before or after the meeting held for the transaction of all other business. The time and place of holding the meeting for such election and vote shall be stated in the warrant for the annual town meeting and all the meetings above-mentioned or any adjournment thereof shall be deemed part of the annual town meeting.

ARTICLE 14

The Committee recommends that $400.00 be appropriated for the supervision of Avery School Playground. This has been carried on successfully for the past two years.

ARTICLE 15

The Committee recommends that the sum of $4500.00 be appropriated for the purchase of a Motor Fire Apparatus same to be expended under the direction of a committee consisting of a member of the Fire Engineers, a Selectman, a member of the Finance Committee each to be selected by its own board.

The amount recommended is smaller than asked for but in the opinion of the committee based on facts presented at a public meeting is ample to purchase Motor Apparatus adapted to Needham's requirements.

The installation of motor apparatus would make certain changes in the organization of the Fire Department seem advisable.

The following is the substance of a report presented to the Finance Committee by a committee consisting of Messrs. S. H. Wragg, E. E. Dailey, D. L. Southworth, H. A Crossman, and G. W. Crawley.

"A special committee of five citizens appointed at a public meeting last November to consider "Fire Department Modernization" visited twelve neighboring departments, and has carefully considered how Needham's Fire Department facilities might be improved materially and at the same time economically.

Dedham was the only town visited that is without at least one piece of Motor apparatus. They, however, own horses and have permanent men.

The Citizens' Committee suggests a combination auto-truck equipped with a chemical tank, one thousand feet of hose, and a Junior or "Booster" pump which would supply pressure at a fire where a hydrant is considerable distance away.

Any re-organization of the Department is in the hands of the Board of Engineers who are appointed annually by the Selectmen, and may be any number up to twelve.

There are now five engineers, the chief receiving $100.00, the

The Citizens' Committee suggests that the Department be centralized at Needham and Needham Heights:—That the Board of Engineers consist of the Chief (to receive $200.), Captain of the Squad attached to the Motor Apparatus (to receive $125.00), the Captain of the company at the Heights (to receive $100.00) and a member of the Board of Selectmen (to serve without compensation).

To efficiently handle the Motor Appartus two permanent men should be attached to the Needham Station, one to be there at all times to receive telephone calls and sound boxes through the Universal Box which should be established there. These men to receive $1000.00 each per year. Between them could be divided the duties of Superintendent of Fire Alarm, Inspector of Wires, Sealer of Weights and Measures, Forest Warden and Steward of building whose salaries now total $1175.00. This would place the fire alarm under the control of the fire department where it should be.

There are 48 call men in the department receiving $24.00 per year besides additional pay for service at fires amounting to $1.00 for the first hour, and 50 cents for each additional hour, $1.00 for practice and 50 cents for reporting at station in readiness for a second alarm.

The Citizens' Committee recommends that a Squad of six firemen be attached to the Auto Combination to respond to all box and still or telephone alarms to receive $110.00 per year and no pay for fire service:—That ten regular call men be attached to Combination No. 2 at the Heights and Ladder No. 1 at Needham to receive $85.00 per year, no pay for fire service, and be required to report at their stations upon the sounding of any alarm.

These rates seem to be a fair compensation based upon the average service for the past three years and the additional service now required of reporting to station on every alarm.

The men in the present outlying companies if same are not disbanded to receive $12.00 per year and pay for fire service.

The call and squad men should be fined $1.00 for failure to report money reverting to the department.

A light auto truck should be placed at the disposal of the permanent men for use in attending to their outside duties.

The total cost of these changes compared with last year's and appropriations recommended:

Suggested		Available	
Chief	$200.00	Salaries Engineer	$300.00
Capt. of Squad	125.00	Salaries Stewards	200.00
Capt. of Heights Co.	100.00	Salaries Call Men	1,150.00
5 Squad Men	550.00	Paid Service	800.00
19 Call Men	1,615.00	Drill	300.00
15 Special Call Men and Services	300.00	Contingencies	250.00
		Forest Warden	100.00
2 Permanent Men	2,000.00	Supt. Fire Alarms	600.00
Steward	100.00	Inspector Wires	300.00
		Sealer W. & M.	75.00
		Labor Fire Alarm	250.00
		Horse and Auto Fire	700.00
	$4,990.00		$5,025.00

The Finance Committee believes that these suggestions are worthy of the careful consideration by the Selectmen and Board of Fire Engineers.

ARTICLE 16

The Committee recommends the acceptance of Manson Road same being built up to grade and requiring no expediture by the town.

ARTICLE 17

The Committee recommends that no action be taken under this article.

The Committee is not in favor of the town's taking land so valuable and suitably located for good residential development for an athletic field. It would not be large enough for use as a general playground. While the committee appreciates the need of a playground for the community, they believe there are other available tracts which would not be so injurious to abutting property and not bounded on two sides by main streets.

ARTICLE 19

The Committee recommends that no action be taken under this article.

ARTICLE 20

The Committee recommends that no action be taken under this article.

The Committee believes that a Town Planning Board with definits functions that do not duplicate or conflict with other boards of the town would be a valuable addition in Town Government.

In view of the present vogue and unlimited conception throughout the State of the functions of a Town Planning Board a more definite outline of its scope and purposes should be made.

A defining of all powers and limitations of a Town Planning Board for Needham might bring about a harmony of action which has been generally lacking in towns of the Commonwealth where the Town Planning Board has been at all active.

The work of a Town Planning Board is difficult under any conditions and it is only fair to those who will serve that they do not have to force their position because of undefined functions.

ARTICLE 21

The Committee recommends that no action be taken under this article. The proposition is so vague and involved that the committee does not feel justified in recommending the proposed expenditure.

ARTICLE 22

The Committee recommends that no action be taken under this article. The proposition is for several towns to subscribe to a fund to erect a Forest Fire Observation Tower on Prospect Hill, Waltham, the state to maintain it and undertake to keep Needham's Fire Department notified in case of Forest Fires.

ARTICLE 23

The Finance Committee recommends the appropriation of $500 for tuition of pupils in vocational schools, together with an amount equal to receipts and reimbursements from the State.

ARTICLE 24

The Committee recommends that the Selectmen cause the valuation list to be printed separately this year, a copy to be furnished any citizen on application to the Town Clerk.

It cost approximately $500 to print 1916's valuation list besides the expense of preparing same for the printer, the proposed method would materially reduce the number of copies needed.

ARTICLE 25

The Committee recommends that the sum of $150 be appropriated for the collection and disposal of garbage the same to be expended under the supervision of the Board of Health.

ARTICLE 26

The Committee recommends that the sum of $1,000 be appropriated for use toward the maintenance and operation of the Glover House and Hospital for the current year.

The Hospital gives a special rate to patients sent there by the Overseers of the Poor.

The condensed report of the treasurer of the Glover Home and Hospital Trustees is attached hereto.

ARTICLE 27

The Committee recommeds that the Selectmen shall cause to be printed the Annual Report of the Town to contain the financial and other reports of town officers and committees, together with the Town Clerk's official reports of all town meetings and shall deliver one copy to any voter or taxpayer who may apply for it.

GLOVER HOME & HOSPITAL

Statement—January 1st

ASSETS	1917		1916		1915		1914	
Hospital								
Land & Buildings	$8,550.00		$8,550.00		$8,550.00		$8,550.00	
Improvements	3,632.62		3,416.40		3,416.40		3,406.97	
Equipment	2,879.50	$15,062.12	2,834.58	$14,800.98	2,758.91	$14,724.41	2,578.98	$14,535.95
Investments								
Real Estate	3,400.00		3,400.00		3,400.00		3,400.00	
Mortgages & Loans	15,600.00		17,675.00		16,440.74		16,145.00	
Savings Banks	119.84	19,119.84	119.84	21,194.84	1,732.58	21,573.32	2,547.74	22,092.74
Cash								
Needham Trust Company	79.68		319.21		201.71		91.10	
Hospital Office	35.00	114.68	35.00	354.21	25.00	226.71	25.00	116.10
Accounts Receivable								
Services	1,232.66		984.05		990.73		1,157.79	
Interest earned (not due)	174.75		149.62		162.38		191.57	
Interest earned (due)	739.50	2,146.91	817.50	1,951.17	1,270.00	2,423.11	1,723.00	3,072.36
		$36,443.55		$38,301.20		$38,947.55		$39,817.15
LIABILITIES								
Principal & Original Bequest	$36,340.65		$36,340.65		$36,340.65		$36,340.65	
Loss on sale of Avery Land	60.00	$36,280.65	60.00	$36,280.65	60.00	$36,280.65	60.00	$36,280.65
Cash recd. for option on Great Plain Ave. Land	655.00		655.00		555.00		400.00	
Less Commission	30.00	625.00	30.00	625.00	30.00	525.00	30.00	370.00
Pulmotor fund		7.67		9.42		11.72		.00
Elizabeth Fisher Memorial Fund		107.50		107.50		100.00		.00
Accounts payable		200.32		342.16		.00		.00
		$37,221.14		$37,364.73		$36,917.37		$36,650.65
Surplus		**777.59**		936.47		2,030.18		3,166.50
		$36,443.55		$38,301.20		$38,947.55		$39,817.15

GLOVER HOME & HOSPITAL

Operations for twelve months ending December 31

INCOME	1916	1915	1914	1913	Period ending Dec. 31, 1912
Hospital service	$3,269.21	$2,841.34	$2,769.15	$3,028.55	$632.51
Interest from Investments	899.41	986.62	1,067.89	1,205.09	2,170.32
Subscriptions and Donations	324.83	498.08	857.75	350.96	1,038.70
Miscellaneous	30.75	18.50	12.50	350.25	874.01
	$4,524.20	$4,344.54	$4,707.29	$4,934.85	$4,715.54
EXPENSES					
Salaries and Wages	$2,938.86	$2,611.76	$2,859.14	$2,526.30	$573.60
Provisions and Food	1,203.81	1,100.16	1,325.17	1,342.97	298.11
Heat, Light and Water	478.70	347.98	363.94	337.24	141.48
Printing, Stationery and Telephone	158.87	140.99	128.67	126.80	55.73
Laundry expense	419.55	367.78	* .00	* .00	* .00
Repairs buildings	72.17	45.06	26.81	.00	.00
Household expense	103.89	74.11	* .00	* .00	* .00
Miscellaneous expense	399.35	387.20	* 694.24	* 303.88	* 200.28
Medicinal supplies	418.17	342.51	393.89	367.97	131.41
Free Beds	44.89	20.70	.00	78.12	.00
	$6,238.26	$5,438.25	$5,791.86	$5,083.28	$1,400.61
Loss for the year	**1,714.06**	**1,093.71**	**1,084.57**	**148.43**	3,314.93
	$4,524.20	$4,344.54	$4,707.29	$4,934.85	$4,715.54
Surplus January 1st	$936.47	$2,030.18	$3,166.50	$3,314.93	.00
Printing Trustees' Report			51.75		
Deficit for twelve months	**1,714.06**	**1,093.71**	**1,084.57**	**148.43**	3,314.93
	$777.59	$936.47	$2,030.18	$3,166.50	$3,314.93

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Expenditures, 1917

Paid	Librarian and assistants	$1,726 56
	William Brown, janitor	416 55
	Charles E. Lauriat Co., books	747 39
	Gardenside Book Store	21 94
	Old Corner Book Store	4 60
	For periodicals	136 52
	H. W. Wilson Co., books	12 00
	Library Art Club	6 00
	A. L. A. Publishing Board	1 00
	For binding books and periodicals	199 75
	C. F. Dewing Company, transporting books	4 50
	Edward E. Dailey, for boxes	3 00
	Library Bureau, supplies	15 43
	Gaylord Bros., supplies	46 36
	For miscellaneous supplies	38 22
	Advertiser Press Incorp., "Home Conservation of Food Circulars," etc.	13 71
	Edison Electric Illuminating Co.	13 86
	J. J. Whetton, supplies for use on grounds	5 61
	F. M. Gegenheimer, sharpening lawn mower	1 00
	New England Telephone and Telegraph Co.	27 93
	Postage and postal cards	10 18
	For typewriting	4 45
	C. D. Walker, 24 lamp shades	16 00
	C. D. Walker, repairing table fixture	2 10
	Alfred Parker, storm windows	26 95
	Alfred Parker, locks on door in basement	7 00
	S. L. Prentiss Company, overhauling regulator	3 75
Amount carried forward		$3,512 36

Amount brought forward		$3,512 36
John Lawson, moving ashes		29 08
Bailey's Auto Express		2 70
Adams Express		10 45
McKenzie's Express		2 05
For fuel		349 33
Paul E. Richwagen, for geraniums		18 50
For entertaining Neighborhood Club		18 93
Balance unexpended		1 75
		$3,945 15
Appropriation	$3,250 00	
Check of Mr. Richwagen	5 80	
Dog taxes	642 35	
Fines	47 00	
		$3,945 15

The report of the Librarian gives the statistics of the circulation of books and magazines for 1917. The record of the delivery stations shows that they are much patronized and presumably are a convenience to those who use them.

The Library is a part of the educational system of the town, and it is the purpose of the Trustees to make it efficient as such, co-operating with the schools, and, in addition to meeting the popular demand for books and magazines, to provide as far as possible books needed in connection with school work. With this in view the Trustees have conferred with the Superintendent of Schools, with the principal of the High School, and with other teachers.

In October a class in English was formed, the Librarian arranging for it by correspondence and by interviewing a number of people. This class is under the direction of the Department of University Extension of the Massachusetts Board of Education, which Board furnishes the instructor. This class numbers twenty, and would probably have been much larger in more quiet times. It meets every two weeks in the Lecture Room of the Library, from October to May, the study being based on poetry and prose, with lectures and written work, the course concluding with an examination. This room is also used by the Bird Club, and by other organizations that give instruction and are of benefit to the community.

The members of the Board of Trustees long associated with Mr. Francis de Maurice Dunn desire that in time some memorial of him should be placed in the Library. He was its first librarian, and one of its original trustees, and for twenty years he and Mrs. Dunn were devoted to the Library, which they made an important institution in the town. A labor of love extending over so long a period is worthy of some recognition. All those years the town had the services of two competent persons, and paid one of them only a small sum, the other serving gratuitously. As trustee Mr. Dunn served more than twenty-eight years.

The new Library building is a source of pride and satisfaction to everyone connected with it, and we are sure the community appreciates the public spirit and liberality of the citizen who made this building possible at the present time, when otherwise years might have passed by before the town would have found itself in possession of such a building.

Respectfully submitted for the Trustees,

GEORGE K. CLARKE,
Chairman.

January 10, 1918.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT, 1917

NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Accessions

Added by purchase	720
Added by gift	176
Added by government and state	12
Total gain	908
Withdrawn	91
Net gain	817

Circulation

Total circulation of books for home use	37,459
Increase from circulation of 1916	5,463
Total circulation of magazines for home use	4,763
Increase from circulation of 1916	1,104
Circulation from the main library by classes:	
History	1,875
Literature	1,698
Fine arts	432
Useful arts	416
Science	340
Sociology and fairy tales	1,465
Religion	135
General works and bound magazines	342
Total non-fiction	6,811
Fiction	26,466
Total	33,277
Increase from circulation of 1916	5,090
Magazines	4,325
Increase from circulation of 1916	1,066

Circulation at the Needhamdale Deposit Station:	
Fiction	3,867
Non-fiction	315
Total	4,182
Increase from 1916	373
Magazines	538
Increase from 1916	138
Circulation at Needham Upper Falls Delivery Station:	
Fiction	1,019
Non-fiction	92
Total	1,111
Increase from circulation of 1916	248

Magazine List

American Boy
American Cookery
Art World
Atlantic Monthly
Bird Lore
Bookman
Butterick's Quarterly
Century
Children's Magazine
Country Gentleman
Current Opinion
Delineator
Drama
Educational Review
Etude
Everybody's
Everyland
Forum
Garden
Good Housekeeping
Harper's
Harper's Bazaar
Saturday Evening Post
House and Garden
House Beautiful
Independent
International Studio
John Martin's Book
Ladies' Home Journal
Literary Digest
Little Folks
Munsey
Musical America
National Geographic
North American Review
Outing
Outlook
Pan American Union
Pictorial Review
Popular Mechanics
Popular Science
Public Libraries
Readers' Guide
Review of Reviews
Saint Nicholas
Something to Do

School Review
Scientific American and Supplement
Scribner's
Woman's Home Companion
World's Work
Youth's Companion

Magazines donated to the Library:

Christian Science Journal, Christian Science Monitor, Christian Science Sentinel; donated by the First Church of Christ, Scientist.

General Federation of Woman's Clubs, donated by the Monday Club of Needham.

Our Dumb Animals, Our Four Footed Friends, Red Cross Magazine, gifts.

Books given to the Library:

Author and publisher	16
Louise Burrows	1
William H. Carter	135
George K. Clarke	4
Mrs. George K. Clarke	1
Redington Fiske	3
Mrs. John Mills	6
Mrs. W. H. Partridge	9
N. G. Stanley	1

Respectfully submitted,

ESTHER C. JOHNSON,
Librarian.

TOWN OF NEEDHAM

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

WATER COMMISSIONERS

FOR THE YEAR 1917

BROOKLINE
THE RIVERDALE PRESS: HARVARD SQUARE
1918

ORGANIZATION OF WATER DEPARTMENT

COMMISSIONERS

	Term Expires
EDMUND G. POND, *Chairman*	1919
WILLIAM CARTER	1920
ALBERT E. COLLISHAW	1918

Clerk and Superintendent
GEORGE A. ADAMS

Engineer at Pumping Station
CHARLES H. MITCHELL

Regular Meeting of the Board
First Thursday of each month, at 7.30 p.m.

TELEPHONES

Needham 224-M, Superintendent's residence
Needham 445-M, Commissioner's office
Needham 486-W, Pumping Station

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham, Massachusetts:

The Water Commissioners herewith submit their twenty-eighth annual report for the year ending December 31, 1917.

At the annual town-meeting in March, Mr. William Carter was re-elected Water Commissioner for a term of three years.

The Board organized by electing Mr. Edmund G. Pond chairman and appointing George A. Adams clerk.

Standpipes and Wells

Owing to the extraordinary conditions of labor and material it was thought wise not to put a roof on the new standpipe and repair, sandblast, and paint the old one. But these are matters that must be done very soon, even if the prices do not come down to their former level.

It is said that one extreme follows another and as the summer of 1917 was very wet and the winter one of the coldest on record, it may follow that the summer of 1918 will be one of the dryest, and if this should happen it will be necessary to dig an additional well as there must be a safety point between the supply and consumption of water.

Extensions

The 6″ main in Great Plain Avenue between the 16″ force main in Bird Hill Avenue leading to the standpipe and the 8″ main near Mayo Avenue has been taken up and replaced with 12″ pipe. While this was a part of the original plan in connection with the building of the new standpipe, we were in hopes to defer this work until the price of pipe was somewhat near normal, but the rebuilding of Great Plain Avenue made it necessary this year.

A 6″ main was laid in Central Avenue between the residence of Mr. Sumner Mills and the new house of Mr. Frank Marsilli. For distance see Superintendent's report.

There are several places in town where it is advisable to make extensions of the main to do away with the existing

dead ends, some of them having been recommended by the New England Insurance Exchange, as follows:

Mellen Street — through to Webster Street.

Rosemary Street — through to Highland Avenue.

May Street — through to Highland Avenue.

Manning Street — through to Brookline Street.

Howland Street — through to Webster Street.

Harris Avenue — through to Dedham Avenue.

Kingsbury Street — through to Webster Street.

Central Avenue — from extension of 1917 to residence of Mr. George Chamberlain, and relay larger pipe in Great Plain Avenue from extension of 1917 to Webster Street.

Bonds

Bonds to the amount of ninety-five hundred dollars have matured and been paid during the year.

The outstanding bonds mature as follows:

Outstanding Bonds

1918	$10,000 00
1919	10,000 00
1920	10,000 00
1921	9,500 00
1922	9,500 00
1923	10,000 00
1924	9,000 00
1925	9,000 00
1926	10,000 00
1927	10,000 00
1928	10,000 00
1929	10,000 00
1930	11,000 00
1931	8,000 00
1932	8,000 00
1933	9,000 00
1934	7,000 00
1935	7,000 00
1936	7,000 00
1937	7,000 00
1938	1,000 00
Amount carried forward	$182,000 00

Amount brought forward		$182,000 00
1939	$1,000 00	
1940	1,000 00	
1941	1,000 00	
1942	1,000 00	
1943	1,000 00	
1944	1,000 00	
Total outstanding bonds		188,000,000
Total bonds matured and paid		142,000,000
Total authorization and issued		$330,000,000

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND G. POND,
ALBERT E. COLLISHAW,
WILLIAM CARTER,
Water Commissioners.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

H. W. Johns-Manville Co., fire clay	$11 52
Herrick Co., pig lead	430 00
A. W. Chesterton & Co., packing	22 50
Chapman Valve Mfg. Co., valves	8 55
Builders Iron Foundry, special castings	189 99
Harold L. Bond Co., jute	33 67
T. J. Crossman, supplies	55 00
Needham Hardware Co., batteries and supplies ..	15 20
H. A. Crossman Co., grain and hay	46 75
Needham Tire Co., tires and tubes	180 99
Charles W. Childs, rubber boots and supplies	31 95
Nellie A. Wing, factory allowance on old meter ...	2 25
Merton K. Cole, factory allowance on old meter .	2 85
Emery Grover, factory allowance on old meter ..	2 85
Luke W. Keith, factory allowance on old meter ..	2 85
Oliver Typewriter Co., tyepwriter	15 00
Edison E. I. Co., current for station	76 70
Amount carried forward	$1,128 62

Amount brought forward	$1,128 62
Henry Thomas, fittings	7 18
G. W. Southworth, printing and stationery	59 41
Adams Bros., oil and gasoline	274 04
Bailey's Express, expressing	2 50
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., freight	22 42
John Lawson, carting coal and expressing	160 02
New England Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone service	70 84
Needham Post-office, stamped envelopes	21 32
H. S. Locke & Son Co., lumber and cement	13 58
Adams Express Co., expressing	6 98
Joseph Alexander, wiring at station	13 50
G. E. Mitchell & Son, liability insurance	285 74
F. M. Gegenheimer, repairing lawnmower	2 25
Modern Garage, supplies and repairing	115 87
J. H. Fitzgerald, shoeing, sharpening, and repairing	99 66
John Gegenheimer, fittings	37 29
Alger E. Eaton, carting pipe and sand	97 00
Matthes Express, expressing	95
Joseph Willett, wood	60
George A. Adams, cash for stamps	15 79
William T. Wilson, repairing furnaces	24 75
William Doyle, sand	13 00
Walworth Mfg. Co., fittings	82 60
Sumner & Gerald, fittings and service stock	174 55
Ludlow Valve Mfg. Co., hydrants and valves	414 85
Braman, Dow & Co., iron plugs	1 82
J. A. W. Bird, soda ash	2 25
Union Meter Co., service stock	17 55
A. M. Byers Co., pipe	304 92
Vacuum Oil Co., oil	131 84
Bay State Belting Co., cotton waste	55 81
Henry R. Worthington, repairing pump	10 10
H. Mueller Mfg. Co., service stock	105 52
Neptune Meter Co., meter parts	285 13
Hersey Mfg. Co., meters and couplings	859 00
Hersey Mfg. Co., meter parts	162 26
Hersey Mfg. Co., repairing meters	63 61
Thomson Meter Co., parts	19 00
Amount carried forward	$5,164 12

Amount brought forward	$5,164 12
Garlock Packing Co., packing	7 89
Chadwick-Boston Lead Co., lead pipe	23 09
Watson & Hallett, aluminum paint	4 34
Waldo Bros., fire brick	18 00
George W. Knowlton, packing	9 42
Richardson & Clements, service stock	4 50
Gale Sawyer Co., treasurer's cash book	5 39
J. C. Hall Co., treasurer's checks	28 50
Massachusetts Highway Commission, registration of auto	10 00
Warren Iron & Machine Co., cast iron pipe	5,378 32
Poore & Chadwick, 32, 20–2240 tons coal, at $7.00	224 06
Poore & Chadwick, 39, 1440–2240 tons coal, at $8.50	338 86
Poore & Chadwick, 94, 1970–2240 tons coal, at $9.00	853 93
Poore & Chadwick, 49, 2040–2240 tons of coal, at $10.00	499 11
Poore & Chadwick, 24, 1110–2000 tons screenings, at $2.25	55 32
Poore & Chadwick, 4, 1850–2000 tons screenings, at $3.00	14 78
Poore & Chadwick, 9, 1000–2000 tons screenings, at $3.50	33 25
George A. Adams, superintendent	1,457 50
Charles H. Mitchell, engineer	1,192 50
R. S. Adams, salary	1,023 33
T. F. Morrill, salary	870 25
George G. Mitchell, assistant engineer	1,113 00
Theodore McIntosh, watchman	691 61
Dominic Arata, labor	152 17
George Adams, labor	360 75
Joseph Rossi, trenching	654 21
John Janeo, labor	117 19
Charles Janeo, labor	76 56
E. G. Herdman, labor	12 18
K. M. Horne, labor	8 43
C. A. Mitchell, labor	7 90
Amount carried forward	$20,400 46

Amount brought forward	$20,400 46
John Savingnano, labor	13 15
Mario Pandolf, labor	9 75
Robert Gilmore, labor	46 88
James J. Nagle, labor	52 88
Patrick Flaherty, labor	40 88
William Witz, labor	40 50
Robert Haydock, labor	36 00
E. W. Lane, labor	32 63
	$20,583 13
Interest on bonds	7,900 00
	$28,483 13

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Water Commissioners:

Gentlemen:—I present herewith the report of the Department for the year ending December 31, 1917.

Summary of Receipts.

Cash in treasury, January 1, 1917		$3,154 60
Water rates	$23,671 86	
Repairs	210 71	
Meter rentals	1,505 86	
Sale of grass	20 00	
Rent of building	504 00	
Sale of copper and brass	65 68	
Refund on insurance premium	117 36	
Interest on bank balances	97 70	
Canceled check	5 17	
Water for public purposes	3,000 00	
		29,198 34
Extension of services and sale of meters	$1,198 35	
Sale of old iron	52 89	
		1,251 24
		$33,604 18

Summary of Expenditures

Extension of main	$7,862 75	
Extension of service	1,043 44	
Purchase of meters	860 18	
		$9,766 37
Coal	$2,176 31	
Engineers	2,305 50	
Watchman	691 61	
Labor on station and grounds	30 11	
Repairs on furnaces and electric wiring	38 25	
Telephone service	8 16	
Supplies for station	301 20	
Lighting station	76 70	
		5,627 84
Telephone service	$62 68	
Printing, stationery, and postage	150 72	
Office and meter reading	606 38	
Salaries	1,457 50	
Repairing parts and care of meters	755 71	
Labor and material on leaks	168 49	
Liability insurance	285 74	
Labor, supplies, and general repairing	1,701 70	
		5,188 92
Interest on bonds		7,900 00
Cash in treasury December 31, 1917		5,121 05
		$33,604 18

Construction Account

Expenditures

Orders drawn		9,766 37

Receipts

Extension of services, etc.	$1,198 35	
Sale of old iron	52 89	
Transferred from earnings to balance	8,515 13	
		9,766 37
Amount transferred from earnings of Department to December 31, 1917		25,185 39
Amount due from all sources		256 09

Maintenance Account

Receipts

Balance January 1, 1917		$3,154 60
Rates, rentals, etc.	$26,198 34	
Water for public purposes	3,000 00	
		29,198 34
		$32,352 94

Expenditures

Orders drawn	$10,816 76	
Interest on bonds	7,900 00	
Transferred for construction	8,515 13	
		27,231 89
Cash balance in treasury December 31, 1917		5,121 05
		$32,352 94

Assets

Cash in treasury		5,121 05
Amount due from all sources		
Water rates	$6,698 99	
Less abatements and losses	493 86	
	$6,205 13	
Meter rentals	429 48	
Repairs	89 66	
Grass	18 00	
		6,742 27
		$11,863 32

Cost of Works

Cost of works as reported December 31, 1916	$362,073 86
Expended in 1917	9,501 28
	$371,575 14

Annual Revenue

Revenue since works were established, excluding income received from the town for water for public purposes:

1890		$505 99
1891		2,318 45
1892		3,125 99
1893		4,205 75
1894		5,096 07
1895		5,826 42
1896	(ten months)	5,362 11
1897		6,629 75
1898		6,808 11
1899		7,334 06
1900		7,857 09
1901		7,593 08
1902		7,890 28
1903		8,959 75
1904		9,156 81
1905		9,397 11
1906		12,285 20
1907		11,051 37
1908		12,391 19
1909		12,378 89
1910	(new rate, $6.00 minimum)	10,995 10
1911		14,080 56
1912		14,461 30
1913		14,865 69
1914		17,419 34
1915		18,907 14
1916		21,395 40
1917		21,977 69

Extension of Main in 1917

STREETS	LOCATION	Pipe 12″	Pipe 6″	Total	Gates 12″	Gates 6″	Hydrant
Central Ave.	from S. Mills Res. south		401.5	401.5		1	1
Great Pl. Ave.	from Bird Hill Ave. west	2307.0		2,307.0	4		1
	Hydrant connections		13.5	13.5			
Totals		2307.0	415.0	2,722.0	4	1	2

Water Pumped in 1917

NO ALLOWANCE MADE FOR SLIP OF PUMPS

Months	Gallons pumped in 1917	Average per day in each month	Coal consumed including heating station and banking fires	Average number gallons pumped per pound of coal
January	12,220,000	394,193	40,000	305.5
February	11,200,000	400,000	37,000	302.7
March	11,660,000	376,129	35,000	333.1
April	11,000,000	366,666	35,000	314.2
May	10,920,000	352,258	35,000	312.0
June	12,040,000	401,333	40,000	301.0
July	11,600,000	374,193	37,000	313.5
August	11,580,000	373,548	37,000	312.9
September	10,060,000	335,333	35,000	287.4
October	11,140,000	359,354	35,000	318.2
November	12,060,000	402,000	40,000	301.5
December	12,760,000	411,612	45,000	283.5
Totals	138,240,000	378,739	451,000	306.5

Largest week's pumping, January 16th to 23d,	3,060,000 gals.
Smallest week's pumping, September 5th to 12th,	2,600,000 gals.
Largest day's pumping, August 12th,	680,000 gals.
Smallest day's pumping, July 10th,	300,000 gals.

Water pumped since works were established December, 1890:

Year	Gallons
1890	1,185,637
1891	9,278,008
1892	23,963,508
1893	34,744,726
1894	40,959,255
1895	50,771,384

1896	53,599,032
1897	65,949,410
1898	77,202,200
1899	81,799,375
1900	81,684,617
1901	84,306,557
1902	100,350,737
1903	107,580,370
1904	100,176,526
1905	103,487,396
1906	124,785,658
1907	115,107,418
1908	129,830,392
1909	122,375,400
1910	121,317,391
1911	112,630,728
1912	130,140,606
1913	125,732,521
1914	144,269,698
1915	147,910,000
1916	151,240,000
1917	138,240,000

Meters

One hundred and one meters have been purchased, making one thousand six hundred and fifty-six in the Department.

Consumers own three hundred and nine, and the Department one thousand three hundred and forty-seven.

List of Meters

NAME AND SIZE	½ in.	⅝ in.	¾ in.	1 in.	1 ½ in.	2 in.	Total
Buffalo						1	1
Crown		62	1				63
Empire					1		1
Hersey Rotary		102	1	5	3	1	112
Hersey Disc (F)		995	1	6	1	1	1,004
Lambert		33					33
Nash		23		1			24
Thomson		4					4
Thomson "Bee"	2						2
Torrent					1	1	2
Trident		401	1	6			408
Worthington		2					2
Total	2	1,622	4	18	6	4	1,656

Services

Fifty services have been added during the year, one discontinued, making a total of one thousand six hundred and forty-six.

Forty-one have been shut off temporarily, twenty-nine supply the public buildings, parks, and fountains of the town. There are nineteen fire service mains for the protection of property.

The length of service pipe laid is 2,307.9 feet; amount discontinued, 155.6 feet; balance added to amount reported December 31, 1916, makes a total of 158.243.3 feet, or 29.97 miles.

List of Pipes Laid to December 31, 1917

Streets	Diameter and Length of Pipe									Gates						Hydrants
	18 in.	16 in.	14 in.	12 in.	10 in.	8 in.	6 in.	4 in.	Total	16 in.	12 in.	10 in.	8 in.	6 in.	4 in.	
Alfreton Road								470.3	470.3						1	1
Avery							604.2		604.2					3		1
Birds Hill Avenue		1,033.5							1,033.5	1						2
Bradford							1,320.3		1,320.3					3		1
Brookline							1,301.5		1,301.5					2		2
Brookside Road								1,843.0	1,843.0						2	3
Carter							760.0		760.0					1		1
Carter Place							30.1	292.3	322.4						1	1
Caulton Park							463.0		463.0					1		1
Cedar Place								204.0	204.0						1	
Cedar							75.0		75.0							
Central Avenue						2,615.0	18,594.6		21,209.6				3	17		37
Chapel							368.8		368.8					1		1
Charles River						8,058.0			8,058.0				7			13
Chestnut Place								203.0	203.0						1	
Chestnut						1,978.7	2,741.4		4,720.1				2	3		9
Chestnut Court							37.0		37.0					1		1
Cross								364.0	364.0							
Curve								413.0	413.0						1	
Davenport Road							625.6		625.6					1		1
Dedham Avenue		67.4		23.5	5,686.5	405.3			6,182.7		1	5	4			8
Fair Oaks Park							2,070.4		2,070.4					4		3
Fair View Road							533.0		533.0					2		1
Fisher							932.2	285.0	1,217.2					1		3
Forest								2,475.7	2,475.7						2	3
Carried forward		1,100.9		23.5	5,686.5	13,057.0	30,430.1	6,550.3	56,848.3	1	1	5	16	40	9	93

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Brought forward	...	1,100.9	...	23.5	5,686.5	13,057.0	30,430.1	6,550.3	56,848.3	1	1	5	16	40	9	93
Gage	...	...	...	...	...	...	197.7	280.5	478.2	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Garden	...	...	...	...	...	...	958.0	...	958.0	...	...	...	...	1	1	3
Grant	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,085.5	...	1,085.5	...	...	...	...	3	...	2
Green	...	...	...	...	...	...	872.0	...	872.0	...	...	...	...	1	...	2
Great Plain Avenue	...	...	...	3,218.8	1,706.0	9,630.9	5,975.7	...	20,531.4	...	7	4	13	5	1	39
Greenwood Avenue	...	...	...	...	...	...	790.8	...	790.8	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Greendale Avenue	...	...	...	...	...	...	7,781.6	...	7,781.6	...	...	...	...	10	...	16
Greenough	...	...	...	...	...	...	233.8	...	233.8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grove Avenue	...	...	...	...	...	953.4	883.7	...	1,837.1	...	...	...	1	1	...	1
Grove	...	...	...	...	...	2,826.0	...	...	2,826.0	...	...	...	3	...	...	6
Grove Terrace	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	155.2	155.2	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Gordon Terrace	...	...	...	...	...	...	518.9	...	518.9	...	...	...	...	2	...	1
Harris Avenue	...	...	...	...	...	3,080.1	...	...	3,080.1	...	...	...	4	...	...	5
Hemlock	...	...	...	...	...	...	418.0	...	418.0	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Henderson Road	...	...	...	...	...	...	802.3	...	802.3	...	...	...	...	1	...	2
High	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,433.7	...	1,433.7	...	...	...	...	3	...	3
High Rock	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,093.5	1,201.8	2,295.3	...	...	...	...	3	...	4
Highland Avenue	...	...	...	1,332.5	4,031.5	5,127.8	1,400.0	...	11,891.8	...	1	6	5	3	...	24
Highland	...	...	...	...	...	...	158.8	...	158.8	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Hillside Avenue	...	...	...	...	...	1,135.2	2,681.6	845.9	4,662.7	...	...	...	2	5	1	9
Hillcrest	...	901.9	...	...	...	...	...	...	901.9	2	...	...	...	...	...	2
Howland	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	338.9	338.9	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Hunnewell	...	...	...	...	...	2,865.0	1,716.5	...	4,581.5	...	...	...	3	5	1	10
Hunting Road	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	394.9	394.9	...	...	...	...	...	2	...
Kimball	...	...	...	...	...	...	36.0	1,023.2	1,059.2	...	...	...	...	...	1	...

Kingsbury							499.0		499.0					1		1
Lincoln							1,305.0		1,305.0					2		2
Linden							1,101.0		1,101.0					2		2
Manning							1,880.7		1,880.7					3		2
Maple							1,827.0		1,827.0					3		3
Maple Terrace								410.0	410.0						1	
Marked Tree Road							2,412.5		2,412.5					2		4
Marshall							437.5		437.5					1		
May						1,510.5			1,510.5				4			1
Mayo Avenue							1,066.1		1,066.1					2		2
Meadow Road							3,757.2		3,757.2					3		6
Mellen							370.0	367.7	737.7						1	1
Mills Road							88.7	423.9	512.6					1	2	
Morton				2,216.0					2,216.0		3					1
Nehoiden						2,833.0	1,703.5		4,536.5				5	1		8
Norfolk							1,282.6		1,282.6					2		1
Oak							52.8	953.1	1,005.9						3	
Oakland Avenue							1,039.0		1,039.0					2		1
Overlook Road							468.0		468.0					2		1
Parish Road							624.0		624.0					2		1
Pickering							1,843.0		1,843.0					2		3
Pine Grove							602.0		602.0					2		1
Pleasant							1,141.6		1,141.6					2		2
Reservoir							1,724.5		1,724.5					2		3
Rosemary							3,088.7		3,088.7				1	5		9
Rosemary Hill							1,230.0		1,230.0					4		3
Sachem Road							1,379.6		1,379.6					2		2
South						16,677.7	493.8		17,171.5				17	4	2	34
Station							755.6		755.6					1		1
Stevens							633.3		633.3					1		1
Sunnyside Road							435.1		435.1					1		1
Taylor							367.0		367.0					1		
Carried forward		2,002.8		6,780.8	11,424.0	58,186.1	94,587.5	12,945.4	185,926.6	3	12	15	73	141	30	322

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Brought forward	.....	2,002.8	.....	6,780.8	11,424.0	58,186.1	94,587.5	12,945.4	185,926.6	3	12	15	73	141	30	322
Union	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	293.7	.....	293.7	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Upham Road	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	452.7	452.7	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Walnut	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,112.8	.....	1,112.8	..	..	..	..	2	..	1
Warren	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,853.7	1,732.0	.....	3,585.7	..	..	..	4	4	..	5
Washington Avenue	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,182.5	.....	1,182.5	..	..	..	..	1	..	2
Webster	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,269.5	6,229.9	.....	14,499.4	..	..	..	14	7	..	23
Wellesley Avenue	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,849.0	1,849.0	..	..	..	..	..	1	3
West	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,370.3	1,301.0	.....	2,671.3	..	..	..	4	2	..	5
Suction pipe	18.0	.....	15.0	1,453.9	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,486.9	..	6	..	1	..	..	..
Hydrant connection	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.0	2,253.1	63.1	2,332.2	..	..	..	..	12	..	..
Blow-offs	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56.8	119.2	176.0	..	..	..	..	2	1	..
Hick's Sp. Con.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,362.3	.....	3,362.3	..	..	..	..	11	..	..
	18.0	2,002.8	15.0	8,244.7	11,424.0	71,206.1	110,628.1	15,429.4	218,968.1	3	18	15	97	184	32	362
										349						

Total 218,968.1 feet or 41.47 miles.

Summary of Statistics

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1917

Needham Water Works, Norfolk County, Mass.

Population by census of 1915, 6,508.
Date of construction, 1890.
By whom owned, town of Needham.
Source of supply, wells.
Mode of supply, pumping to standpipes.

Pumping

1. Builders of pumping machinery, the George F. Blake Mfg. Company and Laidlaw-Dunn Gordon Company.
2. Description of fuel used:
   a. Kind, bituminous coal, per gross ton, $9.57.
   b. Screenings, per net ton, $2.65.
3. Coal consumed for the year, 451,000 pounds.
4. Total pumping for the year, 138,240,00 gallons, without allowance for slip of the pumps.
5. Average static head against which pumps work, 242 feet.
6. Average dynamic head against which pumps work, 277 feet.
7. Number of gallons pumped per pound coal, 306.5.
8. Duty = (gallons pumped × 8.34 (lbs.) × 100 × dynamic head) ÷ total fuel consumed. New pump 70,811,371 foot pounds.

   Cost of pumping figured on pumping station expenses, viz.: $5,627.84.
9. Per million gallons pumped, $33.47.
10. Per million gallons raised one foot (dynamic), .12

    Cost of pumping figured on total maintenance, including interest on bonds, viz.: $18,716.76.
11. Per million gallons pumped, $135.39.
12. Per million gallons raised one foot (dynamic), .45.

Consumption

1. Estimated population of town, 7,100.
2. Estimated population on lines of pipe, 7,050.
3. Estimated population supplied, 7,050.
4. Total consumption, 138,240,000 gallons.

5. Average daily consumption, 378,739.
6. Gallons per day to each inhabitant, 53.3.
7. Gallons per day to each consumer, 53.7.
8. Gallons registered by meters, 63,527,925.
9. Water for public purposes not metered.

Distribution Mains

1. Kind of pipe, cast iron.
2. Sizes, from 4 to 18 inches.
3. Extended during the year, 2,722.0.
4. Total now in use, 41.47 miles.
5. Number of hydrants added during the year, 2.
6. Number of hydrants now in use, public 340, private 22, total 362.
7. Number of stop gates added during the year, 5.
8. Number of stop gates now in use, 349.
9. Range of pressure on mains, 63 to 120 lbs.

Services

10. Kind of pipe, cast iron, cement-lined and galvanized iron lead, and lead-lined iron.
11. Sizes, 1/2 to 8 inches.
12. Extended, 2,307.9.
13. Total now in use, 29.97 miles.
14. Number of services added during the year, 50.
15. Number now in use, 1,646.
16. Number used for public purposes, 29.
17. Number of meters added, 101.
18. Number now in the Department, 1,656.
19. Percentage of services metered (domestic), 100.

Respectfully submitted,

George A. Adams,

Superintendent.

TOWN OF NEEDHAM

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR 1917

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ORGANIZATION AND SCHOOL CALENDAR

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Joseph Satterlee, *Chairman* ..... Term expires, 1918
Mrs. Mary C. Whitney ..... Term expires, 1919
George B. Haven ..... Term expires, 1920

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS AND SECRETARY

Nelson G. Howard

Office hours of the Superintendent every school day from 4.30 to 5.30 p.m. in the Committee rooms in the Ingols Block, 27 Chapel Street. Office telephone, 72-W; residence telephone, 596.

HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

	Opens		Closes	
Winter term	January	7	February	21
Spring term	March	4	June	27
Fall term	September	3	December	20

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CALENDAR

	Opens		Closes	
Winter term	January	7	February	21
Spring term	March	4	April	26
Summer term	May	6	June	27
Fall term	September	3	October	25
	November	4	December	20

HOLIDAYS

January 1, February 22, October 12, November 27 (afternoon only), November 28, November 29.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Administration

School Committee rooms:	
Rent	$250 00
Janitor's salary	60 00
Fuel, telephone, etc.	113 39
Superintendent's salary	2,080 00
Superintendent's traveling expenses	9 02
Attendance officer's salary	200 00
	$2,712 41

Teaching

Salaries:	
Supervisors' salaries	$1,868 00
High School principal's salary	1,840 00
Elementary school principals' salaries	5,486 80
High School teachers' salaries	5,975 00
Elementary school teachers' salaries	19,239 60
	$34,409 40

Janitor Service

Salaries:	
Janitor, High School	$720 00
Janitors, elementary schools	3,141 29
	$3,861 29

Fuel

High School	$1,150 00
Elementary schools	4,468 88
	$5,618 88

Repairs

High School		$1,351 21
Elementary schools		656 62
		$2,007 83

Operating Expenses

High School		$89 02
Elementary schools		292 87
		$381 89

Books and Supplies

High School books	$377 36	
High School supplies	429 68	
		$807 04
Elementary school books	$619 09	
Elementary school supplies	1,224 33	
		$1,843 42
		$2,650 46
Transportation, elementary schools		2,012 50
Tuition, elementary schools		135 00
Grading, Stephen Palmer School grounds		440 94
Evening school		222 00
New equipment, manual training and kindergarten		819 75
Sundries		299 44
Health, salaries of school physicians	$300 00	
Supplies	7 50	
		$307 50
Total expenditures		$55,879 29
Appropriation, March, 1917	$55,650 00	
Income of Dwight School fund	210 00	
Sale of books and supplies	27 71	
Total funds available	$55,887 71	
Unexpended balance		8 42
		$55,887 71

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

To the School Committee of Needham:

I submit my second annual report as Superintendent of Schools in Needham.

During the first three months of the year the work of the schools was conducted under normal conditions and in accordance with the established program. The entrance of our nation into the great world war brought new duties and responsibilities to every loyal citizen, and called for changes and readjustments in the plans and activities of all our institutions. It was necessary to modify our school work in order to meet the new conditions.

While it is the desire of the citizens and school authorities to have the schools perform their first duty to the nation, it is also their desire that public education shall be emphasized in every possible way in order to prepare our pupils for efficient service as loyal citizens of a free country.

It has been our purpose to maintain the standard of the schools and at the same time to make it possible for the pupils to assist actively in food production, food conservation, war industries, and in spreading information concerning the great undertakings of the Government.

The one session plan (8 a.m.–12.15 p.m., without recess) adopted for the High School in April has been continued and a great amount of manual labor has been performed by the pupils during the afternoons and Saturdays. During the spring and fall terms many boys from the higher grades of the grammar schools were excused from the afternoon sessions in order that they might assist in the work of food production.

These new activities have had a great educational value and have made the pupils employed more self-reliant and resourceful. The keen interest aroused in civics and history, home economics, agriculture, industries, thrift, and social service has led to a much better understanding of the true spirit of democracy and has gone a long way toward breaking down class distinctions and prejudices.

New Activities

During the year the following improvements have been made in our school system:

1. The introduction of manual training in the grammar grades.
2. Systematic instruction in gardening and in home economics.
3. Extension and development of the kindergarten — sub-primary work.

Since the reorganization of the State Board of Education and the appointment of a commissioner of education, Massachusetts public schools have made a decided advance in manual training work.

The necessity of training the hand as well as the mind is recognized by all who consider the industrial needs of the nation. The surgeon as well as the blacksmith must have command of his muscles backed by an active brain. Hand training has been neglected on account of our overzealousness in teaching the traditional subjects commonly called cultural subjects.

The earning of a livelihood is of prime importance and the pursuit of culture is facilitated greatly by ability to maintain economic independence.

At the beginning of the fall term it was decided to introduce in the grammar schools wood-working for boys and sewing for girls. Miss Florence Russell combined the work of supervisor of drawing and teacher of manual training, and took charge of the classes of boys. Miss Russell had received preparation for this work during her course at the Massachusetts Normal Art School, and had taken a special course during the past summer.

The grammar school girls have been taught sewing by two of the regular teachers, Miss Anna K. Sheriden and Miss Bertha M. Ainsworth.

In September a room in the Kimball School building was equipped with twenty benches and full sets of tools for wood-working. The boys of the Avery School went to the Kimball School building for their work in manual training, walking to and from their classes without complaint.

The very successful beginning of this new work seemed to

warrant its extension, and a room in the old Avery School building is being equipped with benches and tools.

The grammar school girls have shown a lively interest in sewing, and excellent results have followed.

At the last March meeting an appropriation was made for the payment of the expense of home garden supervision and instruction in home economics. The School Committee was authorized to direct the work. The services of Miss Madeline Fitzgerald and Miss Ruth Tisdale, graduates in the home economics course at Framingham Normal School, were secured, and their work with the school children was very satisfactory. They visited the gardens, giving instruction and encouragement, and through practical demonstrations taught the children to conserve the food that they produced.

The Food Exhibition held in the Town Hall last fall showed very clearly that the boys and girls produced a substantial amount of food through this supervised, intensive work in gardening.

By combining the essential features of the kindergarten with elementary work in language, reading, drawing, and number, the teachers have succeeded in bringing about conditions very favorable to the important work of teaching first-year children.

Kindergarten tables, chairs, and material have been provided for two rooms in the Stephen Palmer School and for one room in the Avery School.

Teachers

The day schools require the services of forty-two regular teachers and two supervisors. In the evening school two teachers are employed.

The number of pupils attending the Stephen Palmer and the Kimball Schools made it necessary to provide an additional teacher for each school in September.

During the year three High School teachers and two elementary school teachers have resigned. Miss Luella Eaton was granted leave of absence for a year at the close of the schools in June.

Miss Bertha M. Ainsworth, general assistant in the Avery School, was transferred to grade seven of the Kimball School.

Mr. Valentine F. Dunn, who has been a very efficient principal of the Avery School for the past five years, has enlisted in

the Aviation Corps of the United States Army, and is now waiting for orders from the Government. Mr. Dunn's services are highly appreciated throughout the town, and we hope that he will return to his school work in Needham at the close of the war.

Departmental Teaching

Departmental teaching begun last year in the grammar grades has brought good results. The plan is now well established, and the junior high school is a possibility. The teachers have been able to prepare themselves more thoroughly for intelligent presentation of their subjects and have succeeded in arousing greater interest on the part of the pupils. The needs of the individual have received more careful attention, and the natural aptitudes of pupils have been discovered. By coming in contact with all the pupils of the school each day the teachers have had a broad vision and have been able to establish much better articulation of the grades, better habits of study, and more accurate expression.

The High School

The High School has had a successful year and is maintaining a high standard. The number of pupils in attendance is now somewhat less than last year on account of war conditions. The following report of the Principal deals with some of the activities of the school, and calls particular attention to the graduates of last June.

Mr. Nelson G. Howard, Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir: — It is my pleasure to submit to you my second annual report of the Needham High School.

The declaration of war caused some changes in the activities of the school which are manifestations of its patriotism.

The base-ball schedule was canceled at once, and the hours were changed so that the school day began at 8 a.m. and closed at 12.15 p.m., omitting all recesses. This was done in order to allow pupils to volunteer for agricultural work and for assistance in other war activities. Every boy volunteered for garden work, and now 34 per cent of the students are regularly employed afternoons and Saturdays in some form

of industrial work. The girls and many of the boys showed their patriotism by forming a junior branch of the Boston Metropolitan Chapter of the American Red Cross, and under the supervision of the teachers meet Tuesday afternoons to knit, sew, clip pillow fillings, sort materials, and make scrap books. The material for this work has been donated generously by the citizens of Needham, and has been collected by the boys of the school.

In order that there shall be no loss on account of these activities and changes, pupils must be regular in attendance and avoid tardiness, and parents are urged to co-operate with us in securing three hours of home study each school day.

It is encouraging to learn that over 96 per cent of the pupils are succeeding in their studies under these new conditions.

I wish to call attention to the excellent record of the class of 1917. Fourteen of its members are in college, and up to date not one of these is failing in a single subject in which he received his preparation in our school, two are in the military service of their country, and all except two of the others are employed in excellent commercial positions with good prospects of advancement.

The following is a list of the members of the class with present occupations indicated:

Mildred Brockway	Simmons College
Carina Campbell	Smith College
Julia Campbell	Radcliffe College
Florence Connell	Needham High School
Norman Crisp	Dartmouth College
Genevieve Daley	Commercial position
Dorothy Engstrom	Commercial position
Elsa Faust	Commercial position
Marguerite Faust	Commercial position
Dorothie Gehling	At home
Helen Fox	Boston University
Stanley Freeman	Mass. Agricultural College
Gertrude Galvin	Commercial position
Frank Godfrey	U. S. Army
Frederic Howard	Mass. Agricultural College
Muriel Kennedy	Commercial position
Marguerita Litchfield	Needham High School

Sadie Porter	At work
Robert Roper	Commercial position
Paul Ryan	Boston College
Philip Simon	Boston University
Harold Smith	Brown University
Raymond Snow	Mass. Institute Technology
Gordon Stanley	Dartmouth College
Constance Twigg	Simmons College
J. Kendrick Whetton	Dartmouth College
Clifford Wye	U. S. Army

I wish to call attention to an extract from a recent letter of P. P. Claxton, United States Commissioner of Education:

"The United States has entered into the war to the end that its own democracy shall be safeguarded and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people may prevail over all the world. But democracy requires for success universal knowledge, intelligence, and virtue of high degree, and must protect itself from weakness and corruption from within, no less than from forceful invasion from without. Therefore, it is of the utmost importance that during the continuance of the war, and through the years immediately following, there shall be no lowering in the efficiency of our systems of education. The attendance in the high schools should be increased, and more boys and girls should be induced to remain until their course is completed."

Teachers and pupils alike appreciate the recent improvements in the equipment and building. I wish to express my thanks to my fellow-teachers for their co-operation, to our anitor for his splendid work, and to you, the School Board, for your constant support.

B. C. Merry.

The Cost of the Schools

The following table shows the cost of the schools during the past three years:

	1915	1916	1917
Salaries	$40,917 20	*$43,027 33	$40,859 71
Books and supplies	2,793 63	1,746 03	2,650 46
Fuel	3,602 60	3,823 78	5,618 88
Operating expense	406 71	438 56	381 89
Repairs	2,933 74	2,646 60	2,007 83
Tuition	152 40	173 10	135 00
Transportation	959 65	1,181 75	2,012 50
Insurance	800 00	.....	.....
Committee rooms	400 49	364 01	423 39
Grading and walks	513 40	352 00	440 94
Evening school	144 00	252 00	222 00
Miscellaneous	136 24	153 28	153 23
New equipment	.....	.....	819 75
Moving building	.....	.....	153 71
	$53,760 06	$54,158 44	$55,879 29

* In 1916, $1,745.70 was paid on account of salaries of 1915.

Salaries must necessarily constitute the largest item in school expenditures. In 1917 the sum of $40,859.71 was paid for salaries, which is $1,112.55 less than the average amount paid in 1915 and 1916.

Fuel cost $5,618.88, an increase of $1,795.10 over 1916. 460 tons of coal purchased in May cost $9.50 per long ton, and 100 tons secured in December cost $10.00 per short ton. Last year all the coal was bought at $8.00 per long ton for egg size and $7.75 per long ton for furnace size.

The cost of school supplies has advanced more than 100 per cent during the past two years. Paper is now more than 200 per cent higher than it was eighteen months ago, and the quality is very poor. Books are sold for a slight advance over former prices. The sum of $2,650.46 was expended for books and supplies, of which amount $1,654.01 was for supplies. A larger appropriation will be necessary in order to provide new books as well as supplies.

Operating expense including janitors' supplies, lighting, etc. was $56.67 less than last year, and $38.10 less was paid for tuition.

The cost of transportation increased $830.75. This was due largely to the advance in trolley car fares.

The cost of the School Committee rooms for rent, janitor service, heating, and telephone was $423.39, and as it was expected that rooms in the Town Hall would be available, no provision was made by the Finance Committee for this item of expense.

$440.94 was expended in grading the grounds of the Stephen Palmer School. It was necessary to raise the grade of the lawn about ten inches. This required a large amount of filling. Rough material had been spread over the surface of the ground on the May Street side to a depth of a foot or more, but we discovered that more than three feet of excellent loam was buried under this surface layer, and by trenching we secured abundance of surface material. Filling of many kinds was procured in different parts of the town at the cost of hauling, and was placed in the trenches from which we took the loam. Mr. Krautler spent the greater part of the summer supervising and assisting in the work.

By practicing very rigid economy it was possible to provide new equipment for manual training and kindergarten rooms to the amount of $819.75.

The general repairs cost $2,007.83, and of this amount $1,351.21 was spent on the High School building, where the electric lighting, clock, and bell systems were put in good condition, the walls of the rooms and corridors were painted, the ceilings were repaired and whitened, and extensive repairs made in the plumbing.

$656.62 was expended on repairs on the elementary school buildings, including an item of $100.00 for welding a plate on the steam boiler at the Kimball School by direction of the State Boiler Inspector. The high cost of material used by plumbers and steamfitters, also the high rate of wages of workmen will add greatly to the repair bills for the coming year.

The Evening School

Evening school has been maintained for four months during the year. The total membership was 25; the average membership 24; and the average attendance 18. During the first two

months three teachers were employed, Mr. Valentine F. Dunn, principal; Miss Marie L. Wieczorek, and Mrs. H. Isabel Bowditch, assistants, but for the last two months Mr. Dunn and Miss Wieczorek have had full charge of the work. Although the attendance is small it is important that this school be maintained in times like the present. Preparation for citizenship must not be overlooked. The following report submitted by Miss Wieczorek shows the scope of the work:

"The enrollment this year has been small, but the same interest shown in previous years is maintained, and the pupils have made marked progress. Mr. Dunn has charge of those who left day school in the fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grades, and those who had done equivalent work in their native countries. The greater part of the class is made up of Italians. Individual teaching is employed. Some pupils are working in algebra, some in advanced arithmetic, some in the fundamentals of arithmetic. History, reading, spelling, language, and penmanship form a regular part of the course.

"I have the division consisting mostly of illiterates. The work pursued is reading, writing, elementary arithmetic, spelling, and language. Some of the pupils have completed the fundamental work in arithmetic, while others find the simple processes in addition and subtraction difficult. We strive to teach the use of the English language, and to arouse interest in American institutions."

Work Certificates

Two hundred eighty-nine certificates were issued during the year. They were classified as follows:

Number of employment certificates, ages 14–16	96
Number of educational certificates, ages 16–21	190
Number of illiterate educational certificates, ages 16–21	3

School Savings

In a little over three years the school children have deposited $13,026.98. The average amount deposited per week during the school year ending June, 1917 was $117.19, an increase of $9.98 over the previous year. The amount per week during the fall term ending December 21, 1917 was $85.46. Many of the pupils have bought War Savings Stamps, and this fact accounts largely for the decreased deposits.

In view of the needs of our nation it seems best to discontinue the school savings system during the period of the war, and urge the children to invest their savings in War Savings Stamps.

REPORT OF SCHOOL SAVINGS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1916–1917:

Total deposits Oct. 3, 1916	$7,846 02
Amount deposited from Oct. 3, 1916, to June 21, 1917	3,984 53
Total deposits June 21, 1917	11,830 55
Total amount on pass books June 21, 1917	11,110 20
Withdrawals on pass books to June 21, 1917	886 26
Balance on pass books	10,223 94
Withdrawals on trustee's account	298 94
Balance in trustee's account	421 41
Sum of pass books and trustee's account	11,531 61
Average amount deposited per week	117 19

Report of school savings for the fall term ending December 17, 1917:

Total deposits September 14, 1917	$11,830 55
Amount deposited Sept. 14 to Dec. 17, 1917	1,196 43
Total deposits Dec. 17, 1917	13,026 98
Total amount on pass books Dec. 17, 1917	12,159 20
Withdrawn on pass books	957 87
Balance on pass books	11,201 33
Withdrawn on trustee's account	327 32
Balance in trustee's account	540 46
Sum of totals of pass books and trustee's account	12,699 66
Average amount deposited per week	85 46

CONCLUSION

Loyalty and service are the watchwords of our nation to-day, and every true American is eager to uphold at any cost the ideals of democracy. To Americanize and educate our future citizens in order that they may meet successfully the great social and industrial problems that will arise after the war is the task of the public school teachers, and the manner in which that task is performed depends to a large degree upon the co-operation that is established between citizens, parents,

teachers, and pupils. During the past year the educational forces in this town have worked together, and I wish to express my appreciation of the efforts of all those who have assisted us in our important undertaking.

Respectfully submitted,

NELSON G. HOWARD,

Superintendent of Schools.

Needham, Massachusetts.
December 31, 1917.

ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP

December 1916

SCHOOLS	TEACHERS	Grades	Salaries	Service Begun	EDUCATED	No. Years Experience	Membership
High	Bion C. Merry, Principal	X-XIII	$1,900	1916	Bates College	16	162
	Philip Marzynski		950	1917	Tufts College	2	
	Marie Merrill		800	1914	Boston University	6	
	Gertrude Karnan		850	1914	Boston University	7	
	Virginia Nickerson		700	1917	Wheaton College	2	
	Anna K. Elson		800	1915	Boston University	6	
	Priscilla Fairfield		650	1917	Boston University	½	
	Anna Bernau		1,000	1916	Boston University	6	
Kimball	Harriette M. Cole, Principal	IX	996	1902	Castine, Me., Normal School	33½	51
	Ethel M. Dodge	VIII	792	1911	Gorham, Me., Normal School	16	53
	Bertha M. Ainsworth	VII	800	1912	Framingham Normal School	9½	50
	Nellie T. O'Brien		650	1916	Framingham Normal School	7	
	Mabelle E. Steele	VI	650	1917	McGill Normal School	17	30
	Julia M. Thrasher	VI	600	1917	Salem Normal School	2	31
Stephen Palmer	Florence E. Eaton, Principal	III	850	1890	Needham High School	27	34
	Mary E. Mackenzie	V	750	1908	Needham High School	9½	34
	Adelaide A. Swazey	V	750	1912	Farmington, Me., Normal School	15	32
	Mary M. Gregg	IV	700	1915	Framingham Normal School	6	31
	Dorothy Farnham	IV	700	1915	Salem Normal School	5	24
	E. Olive Wellington	III	650	1917	Fitchburg Normal School	2	30
	Lillian H. Totman	II	750	1912	Concord High School	19	42
	Florence A. McCaulder	II	650	1916	Gorham, Me., Normal School	3	35
	Alice McDougald	I	650	1916	Fisher Kindergarten School	7	37
	Dorothy H. Allen	I	700	1911	Fisher Kindergarten School	6	31

	Valentine F. Dunn, Principal	IX	1,200	1912	Bridgewater Normal School	6	38
	Una M. Kimball	VIII	792	1912		22	31
	Anna K. Sheriden	VII	792	1909	Framingham Normal School	13½	44
	Evelyn M. Hurley	VI	600	1917	Fitchburg Normal School	2	40
Avery	Isabelle S. Kingsbury	V	792	1876	Needham High School	39	36
	Etta G. McDonald	IV	750	1913	Machias, Me., High School	22	51
	Ruth A. Webb	III	750	1912	Hallowell, Me., Classical School	12½	43
	Elizabeth A. Lester	II	792	1889	Needham High School	36½	40
	Harriette M. Boyd	I	792	1903	Newburyport Training School	21½	56
	Alice H. Eberhardt, Principal	VII-VIII	828	1909	Needham High School	23	22
Eliot	Edith M. McCann	V-VI	720	1908	Boston University	9½	36
	Maude L. Parker	III-IV	750	1909	Concord, N.H., Training School	20	43
	Katharine Dempsey	I-II	750	1913	North Adams Normal School	9	36
Dwight	Frances M. Kingsbury, Principal	IV-VI	828	1881	Needham High School	36½	36
	Gertrude Warren	I-III	600	1916	Fitchburg Normal School	2	33
Harris	Mary E. Glancy, Principal	IV-VII	828	1888	Needham High School	31	25
	Katharine Flahavan	I-III	600	1916	Lowell Normal School	1	20
Riverside	Marie L. Wieczorek	I-II	560	1913	Newton High School	4	31
	Ellen H. Bartlett, Supr. of Music		1,008	1904	American Inst. of Normal Arts	24	
	Florence H. Russell, Supr. of Draw'g		960	1915	Mass. Normal Art School	6	
					Totals		1,368

MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

For the Year Ending June 29, 1917

SCHOOLS	LOCATION	TEACHERS	GRADES	Total Membership	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Number of Tardinesses	Number of Dismissals
High	Highland Ave. near May St.	Bion C. Merry, Principal Lawrence W. Damon Philip Marzynski Marie Merrill Gertrude Karnan Anna K. Elson Georgenia Kerr Anna Bernau	X-XIII	184	171	159	122	53
Kimball	Chestnut and School Sts.	Harriette M. Cole, Principal	IX	45	42	40	39	9
		Laura M. Campbell	VIII	51	50	48	23	9
		Ethel M. Dodge	VII	54	53	51	29	15
		Nellie T. O'Brien						
		Helen M. Whipple	VI	53	46	44	28	1
Avery	Highland Ave. near Hunnewell St.	Valentine F. Dunn, Principal	IX	31	30	28	23	33
		Una M. Kimball	VIII	33	32	31	26	13
		Anna K. Sheriden	VII	37	34	33	4	3
		Luella Eaton	VI	52	48	46	33	11
		Isabelle S. Kingsbury	V	45	43	41	21	10
		Etta G. McDonald	IV	39	36	34	25	7
		Ruth A. Webb	III	55	49	47	23	4
		Elizabeth A. Lester	II	44	41	38	25	4
		Harriette N. Boyd	I	45	40	38	22	6
		Bertha M. Ainsworth						

Stephen Palmer	May and Pickering Sts.	Florence E. Eaton, Principal	III	46	37	35	29	14
		Mary E. Mackenzie	V	39	36	33	27	46
		Adelaide A. Swazey	III-V	37	35	32	34	13
		Mary M. Gregg	IV	38	33	32	22	20
		Dorothy Farnham	IV	38	34	33	23	13
		Dorothy H. Allen	II	35	33	29	36	18
		Florence A. McCaulder	II	33	33	30	42	7
		Lillian H. Totman	I	42	32	29	39	11
		Alice McDougald	I	40	33	30	26	6
Eliot	Central Ave., near Reservoir St.	Alice H. Eberhardt, Principal	VII-VIII	29	25	24	22	15
		Edith M. McCann	V-VI	25	25	24	29	14
		Maude L. Parker	III-IV	47	43	42	30	54
		Katharine Dempsey	I-II	33	30	29	15	3
Dwight	Central Ave., near Nehoiden St.	Frances M. Kingsbury	IV-VI	35	30	29	22	2
		Gertrude Warren	I-III	28	25	24	14	3
Harris	Great Plain Ave., near Green St.	Mary E. Glancy	IV-VII	23	22	21	2	0
		Katharine Flahavan	I-III	21	18	17	6	4
Riverside	Highland Ave., near Upper Falls.	Marie L. Wieczorek	I-II	32	29	28	16	0
		Ellen H. Bartlett, Supr. of Music						
		Florence H. Russell, Supr. Draw.						
			Totals	1,389	1,268	1,199	877	421

Summary of Statistics

I

School census April 1, 1917	1,395
Number of children between 5 and 7 years of age	271
Children between 7 and 14 years of age	912
Children between 14 and 16 years of age	212
Illiterates between 16 and 21 years of age	12
Increase of children between 7 and 14 years of age	78

II

Number of teachers employed	43
High, 2 men and 6 women	8
Elementary schools, 1 man and 32 women	33
Supervisors, 2 women	2

III

Number of pupils enrolled during the school year 1916–17	1,346
Increase over preceding year	92
Average membership for the year 1916–17	1,268
Increase over preceding year	63
Average membership per teacher (High, 21; elementary, 33)	31
Average attendance	1,199
Increase over preceding year	52
Per cent of attendance for the year	94.55
Decrease from preceding year	.65

IV

Membership of the schools for the year 1916–1917	1,389
Increase over preceding year	47
Membership of the schools, September 1917	1,356
Increase over preceding year	53
Membership of the schools, fall term, 1917	1,368
Increase over preceding year	42

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS OF 1917

HONORS

Julia Agnes Campbell
Marguerita Litchfield
Raymond Anthony Snow

Mildred Neville Brockway
Carina Campbell
Florence May Connell
Norman William Crisp
Genevieve Florence Daley
Dorothie Charlotte Engstrom
Elsa Hermine Faust
Marguerite Faust
Mary Helen Fox
Stanley Leonard Freeman
Gertrude Francis Galvin
Dorothy Edwards Gehling
Frank Edwin Godfrey
Frederic Howard
Muriel Kennedy
Sadie Potter
Robert Greenwood Roper
Paul Franklin Ryan
Philip Simon
Harold Stanton Smith
Gordon Story Stanley
Constance Louise Twigg
James Kenrick Whetton
Clifford William Wye

GRADUATING CLASS, AVERY SCHOOL

VALENTINE F. DUNN, *Principal*

Fred Bailey
Wayne Clifton Barnes
George Raymond Beech
William Robert Birch
Lawrence George Caulton
Mabel Dawson
Charles De Fazio
Gertrude Digney
Hermine Francis Faust
George Herbert Ferran
Doris Henry
Edward Tarver Hunt
Lena Agnes Hutchins
Earl Lawson Koldenborg
Thomas John Khoury
George Lumsden
Dorothy Elizabeth Mercer
Louise Gladys Morton
William Clifford Palmer
May Elizabeth Power
Mildred Evelyn Robb
Stephen Rogers
Walter Thomson Roper
Barney Segal
Eva Florence Segal
Harriet Amelia Slaney
Gladys Evelyn Spicer
Harold Russell Sullivan
Amy Webb

GRADUATING CLASS, KIMBALL SCHOOL

HARRIETTE M. COLE, *Principal*

Leonard Grinell Bowditch
Charles Joseph Burgess
Ethel Vera Cassidy
Willia Laurelle Cassidy
Angus Gordon Cathie
Armin Gerard Clement
Earle Howard Cove
Ermengarde Helena Cove
Herbert Loraine Dodge
Chester Warren Eaton
Russell Louis Emery
Margaret Helena Furdon

Candace Celestine Gavagan
Walter Eugene Gilbert
Ethel Louise Gray
Arthur Edward Harkins
Edwin Arlon Harris
George Dean Horr
Alton Brooks Parker Hourin
Josephine Hourin
Cecilia Jessie Johns
Elinor Gertrude Kenney
Rufus Albert Lambert
Albert Keane Leonard
Lillian Irene Matthes
Sumner David Matthes
Lawrence Raymond McIntosh
Lillian Agnes Metzger
Leslie Lillian Moore
Charles Fuller Nickerson
Florence Elizabeth Preskenis
Charles Berry Roberts
Philip Rosenblat
George Smith, Jr.
Hilda Smith
Helen Lucy Steeves
Anna Katherine Sullivan
Walter Ernest Sylvester
Harry Cook Thornton
Emelia Sophie Wagner
William Joseph Whelan

Roll of Honor

Pupils not absent or tardy for the school year 1916–17:

High School

Seniors. Norman Crisp, Helen Fox, James K. Whetton.

Juniors. Isabelle Billings, Frances Cahoon, Harry J. Lewis.

Sophomores. Kenneth Dow, Katherine Hughes, Florence Sobieski.

Freshmen. Alice McCarthy, John L. Norris, Clarine O'Leary, Mary A. Overton, Olive Sutton.

Avery School

Grade IX. George Ferran, Lawrence Caulton, Edward Hunt, Wayne Barns.

Grade VIII. Mildred Cahill.

Grade VII. Paul Fleuriel, David Gourd, Alberta Koldenborg, Arthur Mullen, George Newton.

Grade VI. Clifford Jones, Elizabeth Kennedy, Cyril Newcomb, Juanita Queen, Robert Newton, Tilly Rosenblatt, John Shine, Robert Willgoose.

Grade V. Rita Cahill, Bertha Faust, Randolph Hammersley, Thomas Hunt, Kathryne Newton, Daniel Shine, Elliott Thompson.

Grade IV.	Elmer Evans, Joseph Lawler, Louis Burrows Everett Waining, Elizabeth Lawson.
Grade III.	Louis Barba, Joseph Coughlin, Josephine Slamen, Harold Blackman, Harry Perkins, Dorothy Owen, Paul Pandolf.
Grade II.	Beulah Martin, Landon Perkins, Mario DeFazio.
Grade I.	Rowland Newton, Jerome Vasile, Roger W. Owen, Robert W. Ramsey, Howard M. Kershaw, Mary Caroselli.

Eliot School

Grade VIII.	John Daly.
Grade V.	Sarah Elder.
Grade IV.	Harry Di Poli, Ethel Hinds, Josephine Westin.
Grade III.	Annie Westin, Josephine Westin, Joseph Bartlomiei.
Grade II.	Mary Patierno.

Kimball School

Grade IX.	Charles F. Nickerson, Edwin Harris.
Grade VIII.	Louise Gunaris, Virginia Heald, Veronica Sullivan.
Grade VII.	Wendall Hasenfus, George Hathaway, Evelyn King, Tony Mackan, Florence Marsilli, Nathaniel Rand, Alden Taylor.
Grade VI.	Clarence Harkins, Edith Knowles.

Harris School

Grade IV.	Leroy E. Staples, Beatrice A. Melvin.
Grade II.	Ellton Staples, K. Gloria Greene.

Stephen Palmer School

Grade V.	Elaine Benedict, Bertha Poore.
Grade I.	Marion F. Nickerson.

The following names should have appeared in the report of 1916:

Grade IV.	Francis E. Stanwood.
Grade II.	Doris E. Robinson.

REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

FOR AVERY, DWIGHT, ELIOT, AND RIVERSIDE SCHOOLS

To the School Committee of Needham:

I herewith submit my report as school physician of the Avery, the Dwight, the Eliot, and the Riverside schools. The following is a report of my work for the school year 1916–17:

Number of visits	125
Number of physical examinations	642
Number of office examinations	40
Number of cases of defective sight	48
Number of cases of defective hearing	5
Number of cases of defective teeth	176
Number of cases of adenoids	6
Number of cases of enlarged tonsils	16
Number of cases of tonsilitis	11
Number of cases of measles	9
Number of cases of German measles	56
Number of cases of whooping cough	22
Number of cases of chicken-pox	2
Number of cases of mumps	3
Number of cases of scarlet fever	5
Number of cases of diphtheria	1
Number of cases of malaria	6
Number of cases of influenza	7
Number of cases of skin disease	7
Number of cases of pulmonary disease	1
Number of cases of scabies	2
Number of cases of pediculosis	22
Number of cases of injuries	12
Number of cases of bronchitis	2
Number of cases of diabetes	2
Number of cases of mastoid	1

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM MITCHELL, M.D.

REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

FOR HIGH, KIMBALL, STEPHEN PALMER, AND HARRIS SCHOOLS

To the School Committee of Needham:

I herewith submit my report as school physician of the High, the Kimball, the Stephen Palmer, and the Harris schools.

The following table gives a report of my work for the school year 1916–17:

Number of visits to the High School	63
Number of visits to the Kimball School	69
Number of visits to the Stephen Palmer School	66
Number of visits to the Harris School	36
Number of physical examinations	731
Number of office examinations	20
Number of pupils with defective sight	45
Number of pupils with defective hearing	3
Number of pupils with defective teeth	163
Number of pupils with adenoids	31
Number of pupils with enlarged tonsils	45
Number of cases of tonsilitis	7
Number of cases of measles	33
Number of cases of whooping cough	58
Number of cases of chicken-pox	1
Number of cases of mumps	1
Number of cases of scarlet fever	1
Number of cases of malaria	1
Number of cases of pulmonary disease	1
Number of cases of cardiac disease	4
Number of cases of nervous disease	1
Number of cases of pediculosis	22
Number of cases of injuries	7
Number of cases of German measles	80
Number of cases of bronchial asthma	1

I take this opportunity to thank the Superintendent of Schools, teachers, and pupils in the several schools, and also the district nurse for their assistance, hearty co-operation, and courteous attention.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT M. MILLER, M. D.

TOWN OF NEEDHAM

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Treasurer
Glover Hospital, Collector
Town Accountant

AND

Board of Assessors

FOR THE YEAR 1917

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REPORT OF TREASURER

CHARLES E. STANWOOD, *Treasurer*,
In account with TOWN OF NEEDHAM,
January 1, 1917, to January 1, 1918.

1917, Jan.		DR.	
1	To balance, cash on hand		$51,742 78
28	David Murdoch,		
	Motion-picture license, 1917		10 00
	County of Norfolk,		
	Dog license fees, 1916		642 35
	T. F. Pickett, Inspector of Wires,		
	Wiring fees		9 00
	Samuel A. Ladd,		
	Rent Town Hall, Jan. 1, 1917		25 00
31	Needham Trust Company,		
	Interest on balance		17 86
Feb.			
1	T. F. Pickett, Inspector of Wires,		
	Wiring fees		5 50
	Samuel H. Capen, Master,		
	Fines at Jail and House of Correction, quarter ending December 31, 1916		69 00
	Congregational Women's Club,		
	Rent Town Hall, January 1, 1917		25 00
	J. F. Boot,		
	1915 poll tax		2 00
	John E. Buckley,		
	Release of tax title on Lot No. 1 Bk. "A" Sect. 1		33 04
	Lot No. 2 Bk. "B" Sect. 1, River Park		36 23
	Michael Kurklski,		
	Release of tax title on Lots No. 55 and No. 56, Hood Park		18 62
	Amount carried forward		$52,636 38

	Amount brought forward	$52,636 38
Feb.		
5	John L. Twigg, Collector,	
	Account 1916 tax	11,483 28
	Account 1916 tax interest	137 80
6	John L. Twigg, Collector,	
	Account 1915 tax	679 93
	Account 1915 tax interest	36 84
16	Needham Military Band,	
	Rent Town Hall, January 23, 1917	25 00
16	Joseph B. Phipps,	
	Release tax title on Lot No. 18 Hahaton Field	43 05
	Frederick D. Sutton, Building Inspector,	
	Building permits	8 50
28	Needham Trust Company,	
	Interest on balance	16 33
28	Highway Department,	
	Refunds	7 40
Mar.		
2	T. F. Pickett, Inspector of Wires,	
	Wiring permits	7 50
	George G. Saville,	
	Release of tax title Lot No. 17 Hahaton Field	55 08
	Newton Upper Falls A. A.,	
	Rent Town Hall, February 9, 1917	25 00
	The William Carter Company Ass'n,	
	Rent Town Hall, February 24, 1917	25 00
	A. O. U. W.	
	Rent Town Hall, January 3, 1917	25 00
6	John L. Twigg, Collector,	
	Account 1916 tax	4,512 27
	Account 1916 tax interest	77 60
	Account 1915 tax	406 43
	Account 1915 tax interest	24 33
7	Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	
	Corporation tax — public service	3 00
	Amount carried forward	$70,235 72

	Amount brought forward	$70,235 72
Mar.		
7	Commonwealth of Massachusetts	
	National Bank tax	316 48
	F. D. Sutton, Building Inspector,	
	Building permits	10 00
	P. E. Richwagen,	
	Refund overpayment Library Department	5 80
22	Deficiency appropriation,	
	Reward money, Pearson Case Credit Police Department	300 00
	Town of Natick, Mass.,	
	Account Poor Department	14 96
	Needham Cricket Club,	
	Rent Town Hall, February 22, 1917	25 00
	Wire Department,	
	Wiring permits	10 00
23	John L. Twigg, Collector,	
	Account 1916 tax	2,500 00
28	Refund Auditor's order No. 409,	
	Account deficiency appropriation	116 00
28	Needham Trust Company,	
	Interest on balances	18 41
31	F. S. Moseley & Co.,	
	Tax notes at 3.66% discount	
	Nos. 156–157–158 due November 16,1917	25,000 00
	Nos. 159–160–161 due December 14, 1917	25,000 00
	No. 162 due December 21, 1917	10,000 00
31	C. D. Parker & Co., Inc.,	
	Tax notes Nos. 163 and 164 at 3.95% discount due March 28, 1918	40,000 00
Apr.		
1	Newton Trust Co.,	
	Interest on balance	202 50
5	John L. Twigg, Collector,	
	Account 1916 tax	2,648 64
	Amount carried forward	$176,403 51

	Amount brought forward	$176,403 51
Apr.		
5	John L. Twigg, Collector,	
	Account 1916 tax interest	116 18
	Account 1915 tax	601 57
	Account 1915 tax interest	52 26
6	F. D. Sutton, Building Inspector,	
	Building permits	18 50
	Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	
	Account Vocational School	428 75
13	Esther C. Johnson, Librarian,	
	Fines for quarter ending March 31, 1917	15 00
	George Holt,	
	Street lighting January, February, and March	3 00
	Needham Board of Trade,	
	Rent Town Hall, March 14, 1917	30 00
	C. D. Walker,	
	Account Fire Alarm Department, stock used in wiring Hose House No. 2	48 23
	Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	
	Account Poor Department	215 76
26	District Court of Northern Norfolk,	
	Court fines quarter ending March 31, 1917	45 00
27	H. H. Upham, Building Inspector,	
	Building permits	5 00
	J. J. Coppinger,	
	Account Town Hall Department, sale of old paper	6 41
	D. Cohen,	
	Account Fire Department, sale of old fire tub	70 00
	Telephone tolls,	
	Account Treasurer's Department	1 25
	John C. Morong, Inspector of Wires,	
	Wiring fees	12 50
30	Needham Trust Co.,	
	Interest on balances	24 66
	Amount carried forward	$178,097 58

	Amount brought forward	$178,097 58
May		
5	Metropolitan Trust Co.,	
	Tax notes at 4.30% discount	
	No. 165 due April 5, 1918	25,000 00
	No. 166 due April 12, 1918	25,000 00
	No. 167 due April 22, 1918	10,000 00
	No. 168 due April 22, 1918	15,000 00
7	John L. Twigg, Collector,	
	Account 1917 tax	2,042 71
	Account 1916 tax interest	37 17
	Account 1915 tax	1,084 21
	Account 1915 tax interest	49 04
24	Junk Licenses, 1917,	
	Wm. G. Price	2 00
	Simon Rosenblat	2 00
	David Cohen	2 00
	Pharent Segal	2 00
	Sunday licenses,	
	Raymond Barba	5 00
	Frank De Fazio	5 00
	Clarence S. Alden	5 00
	Margaret Malone	5 00
	John Stevens	5 00
	Chas. Stevens	5 00
	George H. Reed	5 00
	Matthew Maloney	5 00
	Clarence S. Alden,	
	License 2 pool tables	6 00
	License 4 bowling alleys	20 00
	Thomas Grasso,	
	License 4 pool tables	12 00
	H. H. Upham, Building Inspector,	
	Building permits	10 00
	Rev. T. H. Donovan,	
	Rent Town Hall, April 19, 1917	25 00
	Marie Merrill,	
	Rent Town Hall, April 18, 1917	25 00
	Amount carried forward	$256,456 71

	Amount brought forward	$256,456 71
May		
24	J. F. Buckley, Plumbing Inspector,	
	Plumbing fees	7 00
25	John C. Morong, Inspector of Wires,	
	Wiring fees	8 00
31	Needham Trust Co.,	
	Interest on balances	13 26
	Metropolitan Trust Co.,	
	Interest on balances	58 90
June		
8	John L. Twigg, Collector,	
	Account 1915 tax	827 00
	Account 1915 tax interest	82 18
	Account 1916 tax	1,837 90
	Account 1916 tax interest	70 85
11	Salem Mutual Fire Insurance Co.,	
	Dividend on Policy No. 62049	5 40
	J. F. Buckley, Plumbing Inspector,	
	Plumbing fees	2 00
	Henry Thomas,	
	Plumbing fees	1 00
	Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	
	Five (5) peddlers' licenses	60 00
22	The Modern Garage Co.	2 50
	Fitzgerald Bros.	2 50
	Adams Bros.	2 50
	Pickett Garage,	
	Garage licenses.	2 50
	Men's Club Christ Church,	
	Rent Town Hall, June 8, 1917	25 00
	Sale of old hose reel,	
	Account Fire Department	1 00
28	W. G. Price,	
	Junk license	2 00
	A. H. Garfield,	
	Garage license	1 00
	Amount carried forward	$259,469 20

	Amount brought forward	$259,469 20
June		
28	J. H. Anderson,	
	Sunday license	5 00
	John C. Morong, Inspector of Wires,	
	Wiring fees	19 00
30	Needham Trust Co.,	
	Interest on balance	6 85
July		
5	Sawtelle & Lowande,	
	Circus permit	7 00
	Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	
	Account Poor Department	48 32
	Preston Mitchell,	
	Account Highway Department	7 95
	District Court of Northern Norfolk,	
	Court fines quarter ending June 30, 1917	45 00
	Wm. Carter Co.,	
	Account Highway Department	23 10
	H. H. Upham, Building Inspector,	
	Building permits	18 00
	Louise Otis,	
	Account Highway Department	9 50
5	Charles E. Stanwood,	
	Account Highway Department	15 15
10	John L. Twigg, Collector,	
	Account 1916 tax	4,182 83
	Account 1916 tax interest	145 04
	Account 1915 tax	711 10
	Account 1915 tax interest	71 21
14	New England Telephone & Telegraph Co.,	
	Account Highway Department	2 60
	Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	
	Account Poor Department	377 22
	The Kinney Mfg. Co.,	
	Account Highway Department	1 69
	Wm. Carter Co.,	
	Account Sealing Weights and Measures	6 15
	Amount carried forward	$265,171 91

	Amount brought forward	$265,171 91
July		
30	Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Account Highway Department	534 30
31	Needham Trust Co., Interest on balance	9 64
August		
8	John L. Twigg, Collector, Account 1915 tax	3,661 95
	Account 1915 tax interest	458 95
	Account 1916 tax	2,821 72
	Account 1916 tax interest	118 42
8	Saxony Knitting Mills, Sealing Weights and Measures, 1917	2 55
	John C. Morong, Inspector of Wires, Wiring fees	19 00
	H. H. Upham, Building and plumbing permits	9 50
	Sale of old ladder, Account of Fire Department	5 00
19	John L. Twigg, Collector, Account 1915 tax	6,331 36
	Account 1915 tax interest	689 93
24	H. A. T. Dow, Account Moth Department	1 00
	Esther C. Johnson, Librarian, Fines at library for quarter ending June 30, 1917	10 00
	John E. Buckley, Rent of land, River Park	5 00
29	John C. Morong, Inspector of Wires, Wiring fees	4 00
	H. H. Upham, Building Inspector, Building permits	3 50
31	Needham Trust Co., Interest on balance	10 85
	Metropolitan Trust Co., Interest on balance	71 45
	Amount carried forward	$279,940 03

	Amount brought forward	$279,940 03
Sept.		
1	Metropolitan Trust Co.,	
	Interest on balance	8 70
	John L. Twigg, Collector,	
	Account 1915 tax	558 19
	Account 1915 tax interest	83 78
	Account 1916 tax	1,903 35
	Account 1916 tax interest	95 20
14	John F. Buckley, Plumbing Inspector,	
	Plumbing permits	4 00
	A. P. Hittle,	
	Account Highway Department	3 60
	George Holt,	
	Account Street Lighting	3 00
	Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	
	Account Poor Department, 1915	47 38
	Liberty Trust Co.,	
	Interest on balance	247 34
28	John L. Twigg, Collector,	
	Account 1917 tax	200 00
	Account 1915 tax	2,216 72
	Account 1915 tax interest	244 82
29	Needham Trust Co.,	
	Interest on balance	14 30
Oct.		
1	H. H. Upham, Building Inspector,	
	Building and plumbing permits	18 00
	John C. Morong, Inspector of Wires,	
	Wiring fees	12 50
	District Court of Northern Norfolk,	
	Court fines for quarter ending Sept. 30, 1917	50 00
	Ella F. Weeks,	
	Account Highway Department	5 00
	A. T. Baker,	
	Account Highway Department	5 25
	Amount carried forward	$285,661 16

	Amount brought forward	$285,661 16
Oct.		
1	I. S. Kingsbury,	
	Account Highway Department	50 00
	Moseley & Co.,	
	Account Highway Department	35 25
	Middlesex & Boston Street Railway Co.,	
	Account Highway Department	81 50
	William Price,	
	Account Highway Department	2 00
	The Lionnel Co.,	
	Explosive license	2 00
	Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	
	Account Moth Department	59 90
	Tax on land taken for water purposes	42 30
17	John L. Twigg, Collector,	
	Account 1915 tax	12 91
	Account 1915 tax interest	1 93
	Account 1916 tax	1,168 27
	Account 1916 tax interest	52 59
	Account 1917 tax	29,499 14
22	Knights of Columbus,	
	Rent Town Hall, October 11, 1917	25 00
	First Church of Christ Scientist,	
	Rent Town Hall, October 7, 1917	10 00
	Henry K. Barries Co.,	
	Account Fire Department	55 09
	Town of Brookline, Mass.,	
	1917 tax on land taken for water purposes	20 70
	H. E. Morton,	
	Account Highway Department	5 00
	Licenses to carry passengers in Needham,	
24	Thomas Grasso	1 00
	Frederick K. Chase	1 00
	W. G. Turner	2 00
	Alger E. Eaton	6 00
	Chester F. Dewing	3 00
	Amount carried forward	$316,797 74

	Amount brought forward	$316,797 74
Oct.		
24	Edgar H. Bowers, Auctioneer's license, 1917	2 00
	David Murdoch, License for 6 bowling alleys	30 00
29	John L. Twigg, Collector, Account 1917 tax	14,854 62
31	Needham Trust Co., Interest on balance	5 21
	Metropolitan Trust Co., Interest on Certificate of Deposit	530 59
Nov.		
1	John L. Twigg, Collector, Account 1917 tax	10,614 15
	John L. Twigg, Collector, Account 1917 tax	21,445 58
3	John L. Twigg, Collector, Account 1917 tax	12,970 17
	Account 1916 tax	1,001 19
	Account 1916 tax interest	62 61
12	County of Norfolk, Account Highway Department, proportion of cost of reconstruction on Great Plain Avenue	1.500 00
12	H. E. Stanwood, Account Highway Department	10 00
	Refund on account overpayment, Account Fire Department	25 50
	John C. Morong, Inspector of Wires, Wiring fees	13 00
	H. H. Upham, Building Inspector, Building and plumbing permits	14 00
	J. W. Lawson, Account Highway Department	3 00
16	Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Corporation tax, Public Service	3,419 57
	Amount carried forward	$382,298 93

	Amount brought forward	$382,298 93
Nov.		
16	Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	
	Corporation Tax — business	21,663 75
	Income Tax	16,113 76
	National Bank Tax	1,811 09
	Street Railway Tax	79 94
	Account Poor Department	430 73
	State and Military Aid	866 00
	Dwight School Fund,	
	Coupons due March 1 and Sept. 1, 1917	210 00
19	Middlesex & Boston Street Railway Co.,	
	Account Highway Department	210 69
	Dorchester Mutual Fire Insurance Co.,	
	Dividend on policy, No. 260764	2 70
	Edward C. Hall,	
	Redemption property Lot 4, Block G, Section 1, River Park	7 14
27	John L. Twigg, Collector,	
	Account 1917 tax	12,099 15
	Account 1917 tax interest	7 25
28	United States of America,	
	Account Selectmen's Department	27 85
	Charles E. Stanwood,	
	Account Highway Department	10 15
	Sale of old junk,	
	Account Fire Department	2 00
	E. E. Riley,	
	Account Highway Department	14 98
	Henry Thomas,	
	Plumbing permits	1 00
31	Needham Trust Co.,	
	Interest on balance	38 74
Dec.		
1	Metropolitan Trust Co.,	
	Interest on balance	55 68
5	John L. Twigg, Collector,	
	Account 1917 tax	6,639 76
	Amount carried forward	$443,591 29

	Amount brought forward	$443,591 29
Dec.		
5	John L. Twigg, Collector,	
	Account 1917 tax interest	27 46
	Account 1916 tax	340 95
	Account 1916 tax interest	20 57
15	H. H. Upham,	
	Building and plumbing permits	8 00
	A. D. Kingsbury,	
	Account Highway Department	2 00
	State Aid Appropriation,	
	Account Soldiers Relief	15 00
	City of Newton, Mass.,	
	Account Highway Department	43 00
	John C. Morong, Inspector of Wires,	
	Wiring fees	12 00
21	Board of Health,	
	Milk licenses	13 00
	D. Cohen,	
	Account Highway Department	3 51
	W. J. Murray,	
	Account Highway Department	3 00
28	Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	
	Account 1917 Income Tax — additional	736 00
	Esther C. Johnson, Librarian,	
	Fines at Library for six months ending December 31, 1917	22 00
	Needham Cemetery Ass'n,	
	Account Moth Department	55 26
	E. E. Riley, Superintendent,	
	Account Moth Department	14 93
	Henry Thomas,	
	Plumbing permits	2 00
29	Frederick D. Sutton, Sealer of Weights and Measures,	
	Fees for Sealing Weights and Measures for 1917 — balance	57 99
31	Needham Trust Co.,	
	Interest on balance	66 93
	Amount carried forward	$445,034 89

	Amount brought forward	$445,034 89
Dec.		
31	District Court of Northern Norfolk,	
	Court fines for quarter ending Dec. 31, 1917	40 00
	George Holt,	
	Account Street Lighting	6 00
	Charles M. Stilphen,	
	Account Highway Department	3 98
31	E. E. Riley,	
	Account Moth Department	5 85
	Independent Coal Tar Co.,	
	Account Highway Department	170 00
	H. H. Upham, Building Inspector,	
	Building permit	1 00
	New England Telephone and Telegraph Co.,	
	Account Moth Department	17 60
	N. G. Howard, Superintendent,	
	Account School Department	27 71
	Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	
	Account Highway Department	1,300 00
	Blair Stewart,	
	Account Highway Department	5 00
	John L. Twigg, Collector,	
	Account 1917 tax	7,271 19
	Account 1917 tax interest	53 57
	Account 1916 tax	910 62
	Account 1916 tax interest	61 35
	Tax certificates	10 00
	Interest on bank balance	58 25
	Metropolitan Trust Co.,	
	Interest on bank balance	60 96
	H. H. Upham, Building Inspector,	
	Plumbing and building permits	13 50
	John C. Morong, Inspector of Wires,	
	Wiring fees	13 00
		$455,064 47

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Feb.		
12	Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co., Coupon interest due March 1, 1917, on $16,000.00 3½% and $61,000.00 4% Refunding Loan Bonds	$1,500 00
	Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Interest due March 1, 1917, on $5,000.00 Reg. Certs. 1, 2, 3 and $8,000.00 Bonds 47 to 54 inclusive Refunding Loan	247 50
	Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Interest due March 1, 1917, on $15,000.00 4% Reg. Certs. 8 to 13 Town Hall	300 00
	Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co., Coupon interest due March 1, 1917, on $9,000.00 4% Public Library Bonds Nos. 3 to 20 inclusive	180 00
14	Water Department, Part payment Hydrant Service, 1917	2,000 00
	Refunded taxes on Assessors' order	28 68
March		
8	Refunded taxes on Assessors' order	50 40
22	Edward L. Burdakin, Recording twenty-three (23) parcels real estate, Certificates of Possession	12 02
	John L. Twigg, Collector, Expense taking twenty-three (23) parcels real estate, Certificates of Possession	218 50
27	Charles F. Gettemy, Dirctor, Certification of Tax Notes Nos. 156 to 164 inclusive	18 00
28	Water Department, Balance on account Hydrant Service, 1917	1,000 00
30	C. F. Parker & Co., Inc., Discount on 40,000.00 at 3.96% Tax Notes 163 and 164 due March 28, 1918	1,588 78
	Amount carried forward	$7,143 88

	Amount brought forward	$7,143 88
March		
30	F. S. Moseley & Co., Discount on $60,000.00 at 3.66% Tax Notes 156 to 162 inclusive due November 16, 1917, December 14, 1917, and December 21, 1917	1,515 87
April		
1	Refunded tax, Assessors' order	36 00
3	First National Bank, Boston, Tax Notes 140–148 inclusive, dated April 4, 1916	100,000 00
May		
2	Charles F. Gettemy, Director, Certification of Tax Notes Nos. 165 to 168 inclusive	8 00
5	Metropolitan Trust Co., Discount on $75,000.00 at 4.30% Nos. 165 to 168 inclusive due April 22, 1918	3,072 69
9	First National Bank, Boston, Tax Notes Nos. 154 and 155 dated Sept. 19, 1916	20,000 00
June		
22	Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Interest due July 1, 1917, on $9,000.00 4% School Bldg. Loan Cert. No. 10 to 18 inclusive	180 00
	Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co., Coupon interest due July 1, 1917, on $40,000.00 4% New Primary School Bonds	800 00
	Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co., New Primary School Bonds maturing July 1, 1917	2,500 00
	Boston Casualty Co., Interest due July 1, 1917, on School Land Loan Notes Nos. 22 and 34	20 00
	Amount carried forward	$135,276 44

	Amount brought forward	$135,276 44
June		
22	Boston Casualty Co., School Land Loan Note No. 33 maturing July 1, 1917	500 00
	Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Interest due July 1, 1917, on School Land Loan Note No. 355	10 00
	Hibernia Savings Bank, Interest due July 1, 1917, on School Land Loan Notes 36, 37, 38, 39	40 00
	Mary P. Webber, Interest due July 1, 1917, on School Land Loan Notes Nos. 40, 41, 42	30 00
	Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co., Trustee, u.-w. James Edwards, Interest due July 1, 1917, School Land Loan Notes 43 to 48 inclusive	60 00
August.		
15	Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co., Coupon interest due September 1, 1917, on $16,000.00 3½% and $61,000.00 4% Refunding Bonds	1,500 00
	Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Interest due September 1, 1917, on $5,000.00 3½% Certificate Nos. 1, 2, 3 and $8,000.00 4% Refunding Loan Bonds No. 47 to 54 inclusive	247 50
15	Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co., Coupon interest due September 1, 1917, on $9,000.00 4% Public Library Bonds Nos. 3 to 20 inclusive	180 00
	Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co., Public Library Bond No. 3 maturing September 1, 1917	500 00
	Amount carried forward	$138,343 94

	Amount brought forward	$138,343 94
August		
15	Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Interest due September 1, 1917, $15,000.00 4% Town Hall Loan Certificates Nos. 8 to 13 inclusive	300 00
	Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Town Hall Loan Certificate No. 8 maturing September 1, 1917	2,500 00
	Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Water Loan Certificates 22, 23, 24 maturing September 1, 1917	4,500 00
	Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co., Water Bonds maturing September 1, 1917	5,000 00
Sept.		
27	Walter W. Chambers, Register, Recording twenty-five (25) Tax Deeds	28 64
	John L. Twigg, Collector, Purchase of twenty-five (25) Tax Deeds	204 32
Oct.		
17	County of Norfolk, 1917 County Tax	7,937 25
Nov.		
12	First National Bank, Boston, Tax Notes 156, 157, 158 dated March 27, 1917	25,000 00
16	Commonwealth of Massachusetts, State Tax 1917	20,240 00
	Charles River Basin Tax	862 96
	Repairs to State Highways	598 78
	Metropolitan Park Tax	4,424 51
	Soldiers' Exemptions apportionment as per Chapter 299 of the General Acts of 1916	59 96
Dec.		
5	First National Bank, Tax Notes 159 to 162 inclusive, dated March 27, 1917	35,000 00
	Amount carried forward	$245,000 36

	Amount brought forward	$245,000 36
Dec.		
28	Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Interest due January 1, 1918, on 4% Reg. Certificates 10 to 18 inclusive School Building Loan 9,000.00	180 00
	Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Maturing School Building Loan due January 1, 1918, 4% Reg. Certificate No. 10	1,000,00
	Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co., Coupon interest due January 1, 1918, on 3,7500.00 4% New Primary School Loan	750 00
	Boston Casualty Co., Interest due January 1,1918, on 4% School Land Loan Note No. 34	10 00
	Hibernia Savings Bank, Interest due January 1, 1918, on 4% School Land Loan Note Nos. 36–39 inclusive	40 00
	Mary P. Webber, Interest due January 1, 1918, on 4% School Land Loan Nos. 40–42 inclusive	30 00
	Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co., Trustee, Estate of James Edwards, Interest due January 1, 1918, on 4% School Land Loan Nos. 43–48 inclusive	60 00
	John L. Twigg, Collector, 1917 tax on land held under certificates of possession	116 55
	1916 tax on land held under tax title	44 10
	1917 tax on land held under tax title	84 15
	Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Interest due January 1, 1918, on 4% School Land Loan Note No. 35	10 00
31	Refunded tax on Assessors' order	3 15
	Amount carried forward	$247,328 31

Amount brought forward			$247,328 31
Dec.			
31	Auditor's Order for		
	Selectmen's Department		71,918 67
	School Department		55,941 79
	Poor Department		6,652 62
	Library Department		3,978 28
	Moth Department		6,752 36
	Health Department		1,028 64
	Deficiency Appropriation		3,800 34
	Park Department		700 93
	Purchase of Motor Apparatus		5,500 00
	New Library Construction		185 81
	Avery School Playground		300 83
	Glover Home and Hospital		1,000 00
	Public Safety Committee		266 44
	Water Department Committee		11 60
	Tree Warden		663 44
	State and Military Aid		1,670 00
	Cash on hand December 31, 1917,		
	Needham Trust Co.	$11,578 13	
	Metropolitan Trust Co.	25,786 28	
	Fourth-Atlantic National Bank	10,000 00	
			47,364 41
			$455,064 47

RECAPITULATION

Receipts and Expenditures of the Town of Needham from January 1, 1917, to January 1, 1918

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Cash on hand January 1, 1917	$51,742 78
Refunded on account of Moth Department	154 54
Refunded on account of School Department	456 46
Refunded on account of Library Department	695 15
Refunded on account of Poor Department	1,134 37
Refunded on account of Highway Department	4,068 60
Refunded on account of Street Lighting	12 00
Refunded on account of Police Department	327 85
Refunded on account of Fire Department	158 59
Refunded on account of Fire Alarm Department	48 23
Refunded on account of Seclectmen's Department	29 51
Refunded on account of Treasurer's Department	1 25
Refunded on account of deficiency appropriation	116 00
Fees from Sealer of Weights and Measures	66 69
Fees from Building Inspector	154 50
Fees from Wire Inspector	145 00
Tax certificates	10 00
Interest on bank balances	1,537 41
Rental of Town Hall	315 00
Rental of land	5 00
Court and jail fines	249 00
Taxes for 1915	17,091 37
Interest on 1915 taxes	1,795 27
Taxes for 1916	37,353 63
Interest on 1916 taxes	995 48
Taxes for 1917	115,593 76
Interest on 1917 taxes	88 28
Taxes on land held for water purposes	63 00
Temporary loans on account 1917 taxes	175,000 00
State and military aid, 1916	866 00
Income Dwight School Fund	210 00
Poll tax, 1915	2 00
Amount carried forward	$410,486 72

Amount brought forward	$410,486 72
Redemption of tax titles	193 16
Corporation tax, 1916 balance	3 00
Corporation tax, public service, 1917	3,419 57
Corporation tax. business, 1917	21,663 75
Income tax, 1917	16,849 76
National bank tax, 1917	1,811 09
Street railway tax, 1917	79 94
National bank tax, 1916 additional	316 48
Licenses for pool tables and bowling alleys	68 00
Licenses to sell milk	13 00
Licenses to collect junk	10 00
Licenses to keep explosive	2 00
Sunday licenses	45 00
Peddlers' licenses	60 00
Garage and vehicle licenses	24 00
Motion-picture license	10 00
Auctioneer license	2 00
Circus permit	7 00
	$455,064 47

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State tax, 1917	20,240 00
County tax, 1917	7,937 25
Matured Water bonds	9,500 00
Matured Town Hall bonds	2,500 00
Matured School Building bonds	1,000 00
Matured Public Library bonds	500 00
Matured New Primary School bonds	2,500 00
Matured School Land loan	500 00
Interest on Town Hall bonds	600 00
Interest on School Building bonds	360 00
Interest on Public Library bonds	360 00
Interest on New Primary School bonds	1,550 00
Interest on School Land loan	310 00
Interest on refunding bonds	3,495 00
Interest on temporary loans	6,177 34
Certification of tax notes	26 00
Amount carried forward	$57,555 59

Amount brought forward	$57,555 59
Temporary loans, 1916	120,000 00
Temporary loans, 1917	60,000 00
Soldiers' Exemption, Chap. 299, Gen'l. Acts 1916	59 96
Repairs to State Highway	598 78
Metropolitan Park expense	4,424 51
Charles River Basin expense	862 96
Hydrant Service, 1917	3,000 00
Glover Home and Hospital appropriation	1,000 00
Purchase of Motor Apparatus	5,500 00
Avery School Playground appropriation	300 83
New Library construction	185 81
Burial of Soldiers	50 00
Taxes refunded	118 23
Tax deed purchases and recording	463 48
Taxes on tax title estate, 1916	44 10
Taxes on tax title estate, 1917	84 15
Taxes on estates held under Certificate of Possession, 1917	116 55
Department orders	153,335 11
Cash on hand December 31, 1917	47,364 41
	$455,064 47

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

January 1, 1918

RESOURCES

Cash on hand	$47,364 41
Uncollected taxes, 1916	20,619 60
Interest on same	1,567 42
Uncollected taxes, 1917	57,629 63
Interest on same	720 37
County of Norfolk, dog license fees, 1917	630 60
Commonwealth, State and Military Aid	1,670 00
	$130,202 03

LIABILITIES

Notes outstanding (temporary loans):	
Dated March 27, 1917, due March 27,1918	$40,000 00
Dated May 1, 1917, due April 5, 1918	25,000 00
Dated May 1, 1917, due April 12, 1918	25,000 00
Dated May 1, 1917, due April 19, 1918	25,000 00
	$115,000 00
Surplus, January 1, 1918	15,202 03
	$130,202 03

BOND ACCOUNT

January 1, 1918

	Outstanding	1917 Payments
Town Hall loan, 4%	$12,500 00	
Interest due March 1, 1918		$250 00
Interest due Sept. 1, 1918		250 00
Maturing bonds, Sept. 1, 1918		2,500 00
School Building loan, 4%	8,000 00	
Interest due July 1, 1918		160 00
Interest due Jan. 1, 1918		160 00
Maturing bond, Jan. 1, 1919		1,000 00
New Primary School Building loan, 4%	37,500 00	
Interest due July 1, 1918		750 00
Maturing bond, July 1, 1918		2,500 00
Interest due Jan. 1, 1919		700 00
Public Library loan, 4%	8,500 00	
Interest due March 1, 1918		170 00
Interest due Sept. 1, 1918		170 00
Maturing bond, Sept. 1, 1918		500 00
Refunding loan, 3½%	21,000 00	
Refunding loan, 4%	69,000 00	
Interest due March 1, 1918		1,747 50
Interest due Sept. 1, 1918		1,747 50
Water loan, 4%	188,000 00	
Interest due March 1, 1918		3,760 00
Interest due Sept. 1, 1918		3,760 00
Maturing bonds, Sept. 1, 1918		10,000 00

SUMMARY

Bonds outstanding	344,500 00
Bonds maturing in 1918	16,500 00
Interest payments in 1918 from taxation	6,105 00
Interest payments in 1918 from Water Department	7,520 00

WATER DEPARTMENT

CHARLES E. STANWOOD, *Treasurer*,
In account with the Town of Needham,
January 1, 1917, to January 1, 1918.

1917			
Jan.		DR.	
1	To balance, cash on hand		$3,154 60
31	Meter rentals		41 99
	Water tax		635 31
	Repairs		30
	Department		150 45
Feb.			
28	Meter rentals		14 81
	Water tax		386 19
	Repairs		2 00
	Department		79 51
	Rent of buildings		42 00
	Hydrant service — town appropriation, on account		2,000 00
	Checks returned to bank balance		5 17
Mar.			
31	Meter rentals		45 36
	Water tax		681 69
	Repairs		3 50
	Department		126 32
	Rent of buildings		42 00
	Hydrant service — town appropriation, balance		1,000 00
Apr.			
30	Meter rentals		47 43
	Water tax		1,379 89
	Repairs		7 50
	Department		91 13
	Rent of buildings		42 00
	Sale of grass		5 00
	Sale of old brass and composition		65 68
	Sale of old iron		52 89
	Amount carried forward		$10,102 72

	Amount brought forward	$10,102 72
May		
31	Meter rentals	140 99
	Water tax	1,994 64
	Repairs	14 70
	Department	103 08
	Rent of buildings	42 00
June		
30	Meter rentals	516 61
	Water tax	6,736 24
	Repairs	62 10
	Department	73 43
	Rent	42 00
	Interest on bank balance	23 18
July		
31	Meter rentals	299 55
	Water tax	4,127 12
	Repairs	71 75
	Department	60 84
	Rent of buildings	42 00
Aug.		
31	Meter rentals	76 75
	Water tax	977 08
	Repairs	15 57
	Department	94 68
	Rent of buildings	42 00
	Refund of ins. premiums	117 36
Sept.		
30	Meter rentals	78 94
	Water tax	1,041 54
	Repairs	1 25
	Department	38 21
	Rent of buildings	42 00
Oct.		
31	Meter rentals	15 59
	Water tax	222 92
	Amount carried forward	$27,216 84

	Amount brought forward	$27,216 84
Oct.		
	Repairs	50
	Department	14 90
	Rent of buildings	42 00
Nov.		
30	Meter rentals	34 23
	Water tax	1,014 27
	Repairs	4 90
	Department	19 83
	Rent of buildings	42 00
	Sale of grass	5 00
Dec.		
31	Meter rentals	193 61
	Water tax	4,474 97
	Repairs	26 64
	Department	345 97
	Rent of buildings	84 00
	Sale of grass	10 00
	Interest on bank balances	74 52
		$33,604 18

Cr.

Feb.		
11	Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co., Coupon interest due March 1, 1917, on $90,500.00 4% Water Loan Bonds	$1,810 00
	Comonwealth of Massachusetts, Interest due March 1, 1917, on $90,000.00 $90,000.00 4% Reg. Water Loan Cert. Nos. 22 to 51 inc., and $15,000.00 4% Reg. Water Loan Bonds Nos. 254 to 270 inc.	2,100 00
	Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, City of Worcester, Mass. Interest due March 1, 1917, on $2,000.00 4% Reg. Water Loan Bonds Nos. 164–165	40 00
	Amount carried forward	$3,950 00

Amount brought forward	$3,950 00
Aug.	
15 Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	
Interest due Sept. 1, 1917, on $90,000.00 4% Reg. Water Loan Cert. Nos. 22 to 51 inc., and $15,000.00 4% Reg. Water Loan Bonds Nos. 254 to 270 inc.	2,100 00
Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co.,	
Coupon interest due Sept. 1, 1917, on $90,000.00 4% Water Loan Bonds	1,810 00
Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, City of Worcester, Mass.	
Interest due September 1, 1917, on $2,000.00 4% Reg. Water Loan Bonds Nos. 164–165.	40 00
Auditor's orders	20,583 13
Balance, cash on hand, December 31, 1917, Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Company	5,121 05
	$33,604 18

SUMMARY

Dr.

Cash on hand, January 1, 1917	$3,154 60
Meter rentals	1,505 86
Water tax	23,671 86
Repairs	210 71
Department	1,198 35
Rent of buildings	504 00
Sale of grass	20 00
Sale of old material	118 57
Town appropriation — operating	3,000 00
Interest received	97 70
Refund on insurance premium	117 36
Checks returned to bank balance	5 17
	$33,604 18

Cr.

Interest on bonds	$7,900 00
Auditor's orders on department	20,583 13
Cash on hand December 31, 1917	5,121 05
	$33,604 18

DWIGHT SCHOOL FUND

1917	Dr.	
Jan. 1	Six $1,000.00 3½% Needham Refunding Bonds	$6,000 00
	Income March and September, 1917	210 00
		$6,210 00

1917	Cr.	
Nov. 16	Cash deposited in General Fund for benefit of School Department	$210 00
Dec. 31	Six $1,000.00 3½% Needham Refunding Bonds	6,000 00
		$6,210 00

SPECIAL LOAN

NEEDHAM SCHOOL LOAN

Original issue $11,500.00 dated July 1, 1912

Outstanding and due:		
July 1, 1918	$500 00	
July 1, 1919–1932 inc. $500.00 each year	7,000 00	
		$7,500 00

4% interest payable semi-annually, Jan. 1 and July 1

$500.00 matures July 1, 1918

$150.00 interest due July 1, 1918

$140.00 interest due Jan. 1, 1919

THE GREENWOOD FUND

January 1, 1918

	Jan. 1. 1917	Income 1917	Jan. 1, 1918
Investment (Liberty 4s)			$3,000 00
Newton Trust Company	$3,051 11	$82 74	133 85
Boston 5c. Savings Bank ...	1,837 82	74 20	1,912 02
Suffolk Savings Bank	1,833 32	74 04	1,907 36
Natick 5c. Savings Bank	1,355 03	58 19	1,413 22
Newton Savings Bank	1,040 40	42 02	1,082 42
Home Savings Bank	1,191 76	48 12	1,239 88
West Newton Savings Bank .	1,086 86	43 88	1,130 74
Dedham Savings Bank	1,085 81	43 84	1,129 65
	$12,482 11	$467 03	$12,949 14

The income from this fund is to be used for the maintenance of the Public Library, including the purchase of books. ($467.03 is available for the year 1918.)

MARY VIRGINIA HILL FUND

January 1, 1918

1917			
Jan. 1	Original fund		$500 00
	Income in 1916	$18 43	
	Income in 1917	20 80	
			39 23
1918			
Jan. 1	Balance		$539 23

No moneys have been withdrawn and the above amount is on deposit in the Needham Trust Company, Savings Department.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. STANWOOD,
Town Treasurer.

REPORT OF GLOVER HOME AND HOSPITAL

To the Trustees of the Glover Home and Hospital:

I desire to make a short report upon the work of the Glover Home and Hospital for the year just ended. The detail of the service rendered is shown by the report of the Superintendent as follows:

December 31, 1917

Number of patients admitted	237
Number of days' service	2,560
Number of patients, male	96
Number of patients, female	141
Number of medical cases	53
Number of surgical cases	98
Number of maternity cases	45
Number of babies born	41
Number of treatments to out patients	94
Surgical operations, major	19
Surgical operations, minor	79
Discharged well or improved	206
Discharged unimproved	9
Died	13
Patients in Hospital December 31, 1917	9

To bring the condition of the Glover Home and Hospital clearly to mind, allow me to restate certain facts in connection with our work. Following a vote of the town authorizing it, the corporation was formed March 15, 1911. The property turned over to the corporation amounted to $36,340.65; of this amount $14,535.95 was represented by the real estate occupied by the hospital. There were $22,000.00 invested funds producing income. Since incorporation all but two parcels of real estate have been sold, and one of these is held under an agreement of sale. The amount of invested funds now stands at approximately $18,000.00.

At the time of the opening of the Hospital it was acknowledged that for a small hospital the furnishing and equipment were of the best, and visiting surgeons who have been

called in to use the equipment have spoken in terms of high appreciation their approval of our facilities.

The financial side of operating the Hospital is, I think, known to all. The income has never proved sufficient to meet the operating expenses, and the yearly financial reports show the exact amount. The need of an institution of this kind in town is generally recognized, and in order to help meet the deficiency an appropriation of $1000.00 was asked of the town at the annual meeting in March, 1917, and was voted. But this sum has hardly proved sufficient.

In October, 1916, the Trustees secured the services of Edith G. Berry as Superintendent. Miss Berry was well known in town and was universally respected by the people on account of the very satisfactory service she had rendered as district nurse. Upon her assuming charge of the Hospital a distinct improvement was immediately noticed in the attitude of the people of the town toward the Hospital. The record for the year shows an increased service rendered and it has resulted in every room in the Hospital being used for patients, and all of the nurses and help, with the exception of the Superintendent, have been obliged to secure rooms outside. In order to try to meet the demand three beds were placed in a room, and even with this crowding it was found necessary to turn away patients. This crowding resulted in confusion. From this experiment two facts were clearly established, viz.: the need of a hospital with larger accommodations than the Glover Hospital, and that the present institution even when crowded beyond capacity cannot be operated at a return equal to expenditures. I desire the above be clearly considered and understood.

The success of Miss Berry has been gratifying to the Trustees. It has been, however, at the expense of her physical well-being. The tax upon her strength was too great and in order to relieve her to some extent the following changes have been made. The room over the kitchen has been changed so as to serve as a nursery. A door cut through from the upper hall affords easy access and it should help materially in improving conditions. Heat has been arranged for and facilities added so to save time in performing the required duties. The extra beds have been removed so that the crowded conditions will no longer annoy, and the number of nurses corres-

pondingly reduced. This means handling the work more conveniently, but it also means reducing the income. This will demonstrate another fact, and that is that the amount of service that can be properly and satisfactorily rendered at the Hospital will result in a very large deficit. This will soon exhaust our available funds and unless other funds are secured it will eventually mean the closing of the Hospital. The important question for this Board to decide therefore is whether we are justified in operating the Hospital at a loss until all our funds are exhausted, or to close the Hospital now and allow the funds to accumulate.

The many demands of the times discourage the hope that someone will come forward and help out the Hospital by providing for a new and modern building, so, as Trustees, we must decide this question of policy and I trust we shall make a right decision.

The Hospital has not had the benefit of the tag day for the past two years and this has been a serious blow. There have been, however, many donations and these have been a material help. The large number of persons making these donations is very pleasing, as are also the generous donations from the churches, societies, and organizations. These appear upon the donation book at the Hospital, but space here does not allow a complete statement.

This report would fail to do justice unless favorable mention were made of the splendid work done by the Hospital Aid Association. This organization has worked faithfully and the result has been not only a material help and noticeable accomplishment, but it has also resulted in creating a better public sentiment and feeling toward the Hospital. Their many activities have met with generous response but it is too much to expect that an organization of this character can meet the heavy financial responsibilities of this institution.

In closing I feel it proper to make it a matter of record that the Board of Trustees have worked in perfect harmony in this enterprise and have regarded their position as one of great responsibility, the controlling desire being to make it a success and fulfill the purpose and will of its founder.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM G. MOSELEY,

Needham, January 17, 1918. *President.*

STATEMENT JANUARY 1, 1918.

Assets

Hospital		
Land and buildings	$8,550 00	
Improvements	3,746 57	
Equipment	2,905 38	
		$15,201 95
Investments		
Real estate	$3,400 00	
Mortgages and loans	14,260 57	
Savings banks	119 84	
Liberty Bond 4's	100 00	
		$17,880 41
Cash		
Needham Trust Company	$251 29	
Hospital office	35 00	
		$286 29
Accounts Receivable		
Services	$1,791 83	
Interest earned (not due)	146 96	
Interest earned (due*r*)	884 50	
		$2,823 29
		$36,191 94

Liabilities

Principal and original bequest	$36,340 65	
Loss on sale of Avery land	60 00	
		$36,280 65
Cash received for option on Great Plain Avenue land	$655 00	
Less commission	30 00	
		$625 00
Pulmotor fund		2 67
Elizabeth Fisher Memorial fund		107 50
Accounts payable		700 08
		$37,715 90
Deficit December 31, 1917		1,523 96
		$36,191.94

Operations for Twelve Months Ending December 31, 1917

Income

Hospital services	$5,080 37	
Interest on mortgages and loans	904 78	
Rental of property	10 00	
Miscellaneous income	20 00	
Subscriptions and donations	204 06	
Appropriations, town of Needham	1,000 00	
		$7,129 21

Expenses

Salaries and wages	$3,542 88	
Provisions and food	1,865 45	
Heat, light, and water	617 13	
Medicinal supplies	698 75	
Printing, stationery, and telephone	137 02	
Laundry expenses	477 18	
Repairs to buildings and equipment	94 23	
Miscellaneous expenses	325 94	
Household expenses	112 25	
Free bed	49 30	
		$7,920 13
Loss for year		700 92
		$7,219 21

Profit and Loss Account

Surplus January 1, 1917	$777 59
Bad debts charged off	45 45
Deficit for twelve months	700 92
Deficit January 1, 1918	$1,523 96

C. E. Stanwood,
Treasurer.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

JAN. 1, 1917–JAN. 1, 1918

1915 Dr.		
To balance 1915 tax uncollected Jan. 1, 1917	$16,883 73	
To balance 1915 moth tax uncollected Jan. 1, 1917	215 74	
To balance 1915 sidewalk tax uncollected Jan. 1, 1917	135 27	
To interest 1915 tax to close of warrant	1,795 27	
		$19,030 01
Cr.		
By cash paid Town Treas. for 1915 tax	$16,741 19	
By cash paid Town Treas. for 1915 moth tax	214 91	
By cash paid Town Treas. for 1915 sidewalk tax	135 27	
By cash paid Town Treas. for interest 1915 tax	1,795 27	
By abatement 1915 tax	142 54	
By abatement 1915 moth tax	83	
		$19,030 01
1916 Dr.		
To balance 1916 tax uncollected Jan. 1, 1917	$58,549 56	
To balance 1916 moth tax uncollected Jan. 1, 1917	675 70	
To balance 1916 sidewalk tax uncollected Jan. 1, 1917	304 42	
To interest 1916 tax to Jan. 1, 1918	995 48	
To interest 1916 tax accrued	1,567 42	
		$62,092 58

Cr.

By cash paid Town Treas. for 1916 tax	$36,715 03	
By cash paid Town Treas. for 1916 moth tax	442 73	
By cash paid Town Treas. for 1916 sidewalk tax	195 87	
By cash paid Town Treas. for interest 1916 tax to Jan. 1, 1918	995 48	
By abatement 1916 tax	1,556 45	
By balance 1916 tax uncollected Jan. 1, 1918	20,278 08	
By balance 1916 moth tax uncollected Jan. 1, 1918	232 97	
By balance 1916 sidewalk tax uncollected Jan. 1, 1918	108 55	
By interest 1916 tax to Jan. 1, 1918, uncollected	1,567 42	
		$62,092 58

1917 Dr.

To 1917 tax committed	$168,477 64	
To 1917 excise tax committed	1,618 08	
To 1917 moth tax committed	2,710 45	
To 1917 sidewalk tax committed	1,334 67	
To interest 1918 tax to Jan. 1, 1918	88 28	
To interest 1918 tax accrued	720 37	
		$174,949 49

Cr.

By cash paid Town Treas. for 1917 tax	$112,252 94	
By cash paid Town Treas. for 1917 excise tax	958 14	
By cash paid Town Treas. for 1917 moth tax	1,895 81	
By cash paid Town Treas. for 1917 sidewalk tax	486 87	
Amount carried forward	$115,593 76	

Amount brought forward	$115,593 76	
By cash paid Town Treas. for interest 1918 tax to Jan. 1, 1918	88 28	
By abatement 1917 tax	855 64	
By abatement 1917 moth tax	1 89	
By abatement 1917 sidewalk tax ..	59 92	
By balance 1917 tax uncollected Jan. 1, 1918	55,369 06	
By balance 1917 excise tax uncollected Jan. 1, 1918	659 94	
By balance 1917 moth tax uncollected Jan. 1, 1918	812 75	
By balance sidewalk tax uncollected Jan. 1, 1918	787 88	
By interest 1918 tax to Jan. 1, 1918, uncollected	720 37	
		$174,949 49

Dr.

To interest on deposits Needham Trust Co.....	$58 25	
		$58 25

Cr.

By cash paid Town Treasurer for interest on deposits	$58 25	
		$58 25

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. TWIGG,

Collector.

REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT FOR 1917

RECEIPTS — GENERAL REVENUE

Taxes

Current year,			
Poll	$1,944 00		
Personal	16,903 17		
Real estate	94,426 91		
		$113,274 08	
Previous years,			
Poll	$1,425 00		
Personal	8,329 70		
Real estate	43,807 59		
		53,562 29	
From the state,			
Corp. pub. ser.	$3,422 57		
Corp. business	21,663 75		
National Bank tax	2,127 57		
St. Railway tax	79 94		
Income tax	16,849 76		
		44,143 59	
Total from taxes			$210,979 96

Licenses and Permits

Junk	$10 00		
Sunday, fruit, etc.	45 00		
Milk	13 00		
Miscellaneous	173 00		
		$241 00	
Building permits	$108 50		
Plumbing permits	46 00		
Wiring	145 00		
		299 50	
Total			540 50
Amount carried forward			$211,520 46

Amount brought forward		$211,520 46
Court fines	$249 00	
Dog licenses	642 35	
Tax Collector's receipts	63 10	
Town Hall, rentals	315 00	
Town Hall, sales	6 41	
Fire Department, sales	133 09	
Fire Alarm, sales	48 23	
Sealer of Weights and Measures ..	66 69	
Moth Department, receipts	154 54	
Total		1,678 41
Highway		
Labor and material	$725 21	
From the state	534 30	
Total		1,259 51
Poor		
From the state	$1,119 41	
From the other towns	14 96	
State and military aid	866 00	
Total		2,000 37
Schools		
Sale of books	$27 71	
Dwight fund	210 00	
Total		237 71
Gifts		
From the state	$1,300 00	
From the county	1,500 00	
Total		2,800 00
Library fines	$47 00	
Rent of a tax title lot	5 00	
Total		52 00
Amount carried forward		$219,548 46

Amount brought forward		$219,548 46
Assessments		
Moth Department	$2,553 45	
Sidewalks	818 01	
Total		3,371 46
Interest		
Bank deposits	$1,537 41	
Taxes and assessments	2,915 02	
Total		4,452 43
Temporary tax loans		175,000 00
Refunds and Transfers		
Canceled check	$7 40	
Refund P. E. Richwagen, library .	5 80	
Refund Chas. E. Stanwood, police	300 00	
Refund Rutland Sanatorium	116 00	
Refund Com. of Mass. Voc. Sc. ..	428 75	
Refund Chas. F. Stanwood, tel. ..	1 25	
Dividends on insurance policies ..	8 10	
Refund Fire Department, pay roll	25 50	
Refund Geo. Holt, st. lts.	12 00	
Refund Highway Dept.	1 69	
Refund U. S. Gov't, telephone ...	27 85	
Refund state aid to soldiers' relief	15 00	
Total		949 34
Cash on hand January 1, 1917		51,742 78
Total for general department		$455,064 47
Water Department Receipts		
Hydrant rentals	$3,000 00	
Water rates	23,671 86	
Meter rentals	1,505 86	
Pipe and labor	210 71	
Construction, offset to outlay ...	1,198 35	
Amounts carried forward	$29,586 78	$455,064 47

Amounts brought forward	$29,586 78	$455,064 47
Rent, and sale of grass	524 00	
Sale of old material	65 68	
Sale of old material	52 89	
Canceled check	5 17	
Refund on insurance premium ...	117 36	
Interest on deposits	97 70	
Total	$30,449 58	
Cash on hand January 1, 1917 ...	3,154 60	
Total		$33,604 18
Grand total		$488,668 65

EXPENDITURES

Finance Committee

Appropriation	$150 00		
Typewriting		$10 00	
Addressing reports		3 25	
Stationery and postage		112 84	
Total		$126 09	$126 09
Balance		23 91	
		$150 00	

Water Department Committee

Appropriation	$90 00		
Stationery and postage		$19 08	19 08
Balance to new account		70 92	
Total		$90 00	

Selectmen's Department

Appropriation	$750 00	
Refund U. S. Gov't, tel.	27 85	
	$777 85	
Amount carried forward		$145 17

Amount brought forward			$145 17
Salaries, Selectmen		$450 00	
Salary, Clerk		100 00	
Stationery, postage, and printing.		105 18	
Telephone, including government use		90 81	
Surveying		12 50	
Sundries		4 25	
Total		$762 74	762 74
Balance		15 11	
		$777 85	
Accounting Department			
Appropriation	$1,000 00		
Salary of Accountant		900 00	
Stationery and postage		70 97	
Telephone		18 28	
Supplies for adding machine and typewriter		10 75	
Total			1,000 00
Treasury Department			
Appropriation	$925 00		
Refund telephone	1 25		
	$926 25		
Salary of Treasurer		$500 00	
Salary of Clerk		100 00	
Stationery and postage		177 88	
Telephone		19 17	
Bond		125 00	
Miscellaneous		4 20	
Total			926 25
Town Clerk's Department			
Appropriation	$475 00		
Salary of Clerk		$250 00	
Amounts carried forward		$250 00	$2,834 16

Amounts brought forward		$250 00	$2,834 16
Recording Fees		125 35	
Stationery, etc.		71 13	
Telephone		19 22	
Bond		5 00	
Sundries		4 06	
Total		$474 76	474 76
Balance		24	
		$475 00	

Tax Collector's Department

Appropriation	$1,000 00		
Collector's commission		$950 00	
Bond		50 00	
Total			1,000 00

Assessors' Department

Appropriation	$2,800 00		
Salaries of Assessors		$1,800 00	
Clerk hire		96 00	
Stationery and postage		79 79	
Poll tax list		100 00	
Advertising		7 50	
Auto hire		84 00	
Telephone		32 54	
Abstracts and information		67 07	
Plans		500 00	
Rollers for plans		21 25	
All others		11 85	
Total			2,800 00

Election and Registration

Appropriation	$550 00		
Registrars		$133 32	
Election Officers		232 94	
Amounts carried forward		$366 26	$7,108 92

Amounts brought forward	$366 26	$7,108 92
Stationery and postage	55 08	
Printing and advertising	98 91	
Meals	17 90	
Type for printing	11 05	
Thumb tacks	80	
Total		550 00

Town Hall and Grounds

Appropriation	$1,200 00		
Rent	315 00		
Sale of old paper	6 41		
	$1,521 41		
Salary of janitor		$720 00	
Extra labor moving seats		11 00	
Fuel		489 00	
Janitor's supplies		74 97	
Repairs		94 29	
Settees for lawn		30 00	
Flags		78 35	
Moving ashes, etc.		22 69	
Total		$1,520 30	1,520 30
Balance		1 11	
		$1,521 41	

Police Department

Appropriation	$4,250 00	
Refund of reward for murderer	300 00	
Court fines	249 00	
Total	$4,799 00	
Overdrawn	215 50	
	$5,014 50	
Amount carried forward		$9,179 22

Amount brought forward		$9,179 22
Norman MacKenzie, salary	81,303 50	
Alex. Lynes	1,095 00	
Colburn & Robinson	822 00	
Special officers	986 95	
Court fees	128 98	
Meals and lodgings	34 50	
Auto hire	121 75	
Stationery and postage	20 99	
Telephones	81 71	
Reward	300 00	
Official list of autos	15 00	
Badges	33 00	
Dr. Parker, services	12 00	
Traffic signs	25 20	
Sundries	33 92	
Total		5,014 50

Fire Department

Appropriation	$4,750 00	
Hydrant service	3,000 00	
Fire Engineers	300 00	
Sale, hand tub, ladders, etc.	133 09	
Refund on pay roll	25 50	
Transfer part salary Forest Warden	66 67	
Transfer part salary Building Inspector	200 00	
Transfer part salary Inspector of Wires	200 00	
Transfer part salary Superintendent Fire Alarm	400 00	
Transfer from reserve fund	564 00	
Transfer from reserve fund for heating	482 00	
Total	$10,121 26	
Overdrawn	224 02	
	$10,345 28	
Amount carried forward		$14,193 72

Amount brought forward		$14,193 72
Chief Engineer	$33 33	
Assistant Engineers	66 68	
Firemen	1,300 08	
Call-men	984 15	
Stewards	113 00	
Horse hire	754 00	
Auto hire	105 00	
Permanent men	1,484 50	
Apparatus	537 07	
Equipment for men	79 06	
Gasoline, etc.	118 51	
Sundries	64 22	
Hydrant rentals	3,000 00	
Fuel	99 40	
Electric lights	34 20	
Repairs	851 12	
Furniture, etc.	136 81	
Miscellaneous	24 12	
Heating outfit	482 00	
Telephone	29 78	
Rent	22 50	
Printing, stationery, and postage .	25 75	
Total		10,345 28

Fire Alarm Department

Appropriation	$2,000 00		
Sale of material	48 23		
	$2,048 23		
Transfer of part salary to Fire Department ...	400 00		
	$1,648 23		
Salary of Superintendent		$215 00	
Labor		97 52	
New fittings		1,184 43	
Stationery and postage		3 95	
Amounts carried forward		$1,500 90	$24,539 00

Amounts brought forward		$1,500 90	$24,539 00
Telephone		7 44	
Miscellaneous		76 32	
Total		$1,584 66	1,584 66
Balance		63 57	
		$1,648 23	
Inspection Department			
Appropriation		$1,100 00	
Building permits		108 50	
Plumbing permits		46 00	
Wiring permits		145 00	
Sealer Weights and Measures Fees		66 69	
		$1,466 19	
Transfer part salaries,			
Building Inspector	$200 00		
Wiring Inspector	200 00		
		400 00	
		$1,066 19	
Sealer's salary		75 00	
Building Inspector		75 00	
Plumbing Inspector		180 00	
Cattle Inspector		150 00	
Stationery and postage		76 68	
Telephone		6 53	
Team		14 00	
		97 50	
Total		$674 71	674 71
Balance		391 48	
		$1,066 19	
Tree Warden			
Appropriation	$700 00		
E. E. Riley, salary		$165 50	
Amounts carried forward		$165 50	$26,798 37

Amounts brought forward	$165 50	$26,798 37
Labor	445 10	
Trees	10 50	
Coal tar	4 00	
Hose	15 00	
Alger E. Eaton, team	28 00	
Superintendent's telephone, etc.	24 84	
Total	$692 94	692 94
Balance	7 06	
	$700 00	

Forest Warden

Appropriation	$145 00		
H. H. Upham, salary		$33 33	
Printing and advertising		45 00	
Total		$78 33	78 33
Transfer to Fire Department		66 67	
		$145 00	

Fish and Game Warden

Appropriation	$25 00		
Charles G. Robinson, salary		$25 00	25 00

Moth Department

Appropriation	$3,915 13	
Returns from private property	2,710 45	
Returns from labor and material	154 54	
	$6,780 12	
E. E. Riley, salary	$867 75	
Labor	3,439 14	
Printing, stationery, postage	51 96	
Insecticides	208 68	
Amounts carried forward	$4,567 53	$27,594 64

Amounts brought forward	$4,567 53	$27,594 64
Tools, etc	24 71	
Teams	549 50	
Burlap	199 23	
Repairs on sprayer	131 13	
Liability insurance premium	63 34	
Storage, freight, etc.	90 22	
Gasoline	122 85	
Express	3 85	
Total	$6,752 36	6,752 36
Abatements of assessments	2 72	
Balance	25 04	
	$6,780 12	

Board of Health

Appropriation	$1,050 00		
H. E. Berger, Jr., salary		$649 92	
Stationery, postage, etc.		19 60	
Folding circulars		2 00	
Board and treatment		186 30	
Medical attendance		25 00	
Total		$882 82	88282
Balance		167 18	
		$1,050 00	

Garbage Service

Appropriation	$150 00		
Collection of garbage		$145 82	145 82
Balance		4 18	
		$150 00	

Highway Department

Appropriation	$21,000 00	
Street Railway Excise tax	1,618 08	
Amounts carried forward	$22,618 08	$35,375 64

Amounts brought forward	$22,618 08	$35,375 64
Street Railway tax	79 94	
Labor and material	725 21	
Returns from State Highway Commission	534 30	
Refund	1 69	
Gift from state for state road	1,300 00	
Gift from county for state road	1,500 00	
	$26,759 22	
Appropriation new crusher	1,500 00	
*Overdrawn	350 77	
Total	$28,609 99	

*Overdraft caused by delay in receipts until after the books were closed.

Highway Department, General

H. D. Blackman, salary	$783 00	
H. D. Blackman, auto	274 50	
Labor	725 97	
Teams	801 50	
Crushed stone and gravel	291 70	
Lumber	286 59	
Hardware, tools, etc.	209 67	
Roller and crusher repairs	280 49	
Fuel, oil, and waste	102 70	
Street repairs, labor	3,006 80	
Street repairs, teams	1,971 50	
Liability insurance	200 00	
All other general items	308 81	
Street cleaning, labor	1,530 85	
Street cleaning, teams	1,020 20	
Handcart, brooms, etc.	68 00	
Tarvia	3,454 47	
Street signs	14 20	
Fencing	251 66	
Amounts carried forward	$15,582 61	$35,375 64

Amounts brought forward		$15,582 61	$35,375 64
Drainage		262 80	
Land		50 00	
Total		$15,895 41	
New crusher		1,553 30	
		$17,448 71	
Street Construction			
Labor	$2,821 75		
Teams	1,913 90		
Superintendent and auto	300 00		
Forcite	172 47		
Broken stone and gravel	242 84		
Tarvia	878 14		
Fuel	154 35		
Miscellaneous	328 38		
Total		$6,811 83	
State Road			
Labor	$1,493 15		
Teams	930 00		
Forcite	84 45		
Tarvia	979 75		
Fuel	278 13		
Superintendent and auto	150 00		
Crushed stone	347 80		
All other	86 17		
Total		$4,349 45	
		$28,609 99	28,609 99
High Rock Street Bridge			
Balance from 1916	$1,230 15		
Labor		$826 65	
Teams		403 50	
Total		$1,230 15	1,230 15
Amount carried forward			$65,215 78

Amount brought forward			$65,215 78

Sidewalk Department

Appropriation	$3,000 00		
Betterments	1,274 75		
	$4,274 75		
H. D. Blackman, salary and auto		$150 00	
Labor		248 45	
Teams		290 25	
Gravel, lumber, etc.		115 99	
Granolithic walks		3,033 03	
Surveying		26 00	
Total		$3,863 72	3,863 72
Balance		411 03	
		$4,274 75	

Removal of Snow

Appropriation		$1,500 00	
Overdrawn caused by delay in receipts		25 00	
		$1,525 00	
Labor		$570 15	
Teams		386 60	
Repairs		19 50	
Sand		44 25	
Plowing paths		437 00	
Salary and auto		67 50	
Total		$1,525 00	1,525 00

Street Lighting

Appropriation		$9,000 00	
Refund for light		12 00	
		$9,012 00	
Amount carried forward			$70,604 50

Amount brought forward		$70,604 50
Edison Electric Ill. Co.	$8,267 70	
Supplies and labor	88 00	
Repairs	39 22	
Total	$8,394 92	8,394 92
Balance	617 08	
	$9,012 00	

Poor Department

Appropriation	$5,500 00	
Refund from State	1,119 41	
Refund from Natick	14 96	
Overdraft	5 70	
	$6,640 07	
Salary, F. J. Stanwood, Agent ...	$180 00	
Stationery, postage, etc.	38 03	
Rent	719 76	
Groceries, provisions	773 43	
Dry goods and clothing	15 75	
Fuel	157 07	
Medical attendance	801 71	
Board and care	1,034 85	
Burial	30 00	
Charged to the state	1,768 69	
Charged to other cities and towns	121 41	
Cash allowance	974 06	
Relief by other cities	25 31	
Total	$6,640 07	6,640 07

State and Military Aid

Appropriation	$1,300 00	
Overdrawn	370 00	
	$1,670 00	
Amount carried forward		$85,639 49

Amount brought forward		$85,639 49
State aid	$1,078 00	
Military aid	592 00	
Total	$1,670 00	1,670 00
Soldiers' Relief		
Appropriation	$700 00	
Refund	15 00	
Overdrawn	68 50	
	$783 50	
Cash allowances	$633 50	
Rent	150 00	
Total	$783 50	783 50
School Department		
Appropriation	$55,350 00	
School physicians	300 00	
Interest Dwight Fund	210 00	
Sale of books	27 71	
	$55,887 71	
Nelson G. Howard, salary	$2,080 00	
Truant Officer, salary	200 00	
Office clock	20 00	
Stationery, postage, etc.	29 13	
Telephone	36 06	
Census	45 00	
Teachers' salaries, High	7,815 00	
Teachers' salaries, elementary	24,726 40	
Supervisors salaries	1,868 00	
Text-books, etc., High	819 19	
Text-books, etc., elementary	1,982 40	
Tuition	135 00	
Transportation	2,012 50	
Janitor service	3,921 29	
Amounts carried forward	$45,689 97	$88,092 99

Amounts brought forward	$45,689 97	$88,092 99
Fuel, office	65 63	
Fuel, High	1,150 00	
Fuel, elementary	4,468 88	
Electric light	50 20	
Repairs, High	1,351 21	
Repairs, elementary	639 65	
Janitors' supplies, High	26 10	
Janitors' supplies, elementary	98 07	
Other building supplies	327 22	
New equipment	740 75	
Miscellaneous	42 15	
Grading at Palmer School	449 96	
Evening school	222 00	
Rent of office	250 00	
Medical attendance	307 50	
Total	$55,879 29	55,879 29
Balance	8 42	
	$55,887 71	

Public Library Building

Water Department, for water	$28 03	
Electric light fixtures	185 81	
Total	$213 84	213 84

Public Library

Appropriation	$3,250 00	
Dog license tax	642 35	
Fines	47 00	
Refund	5 80	
	$3,945 15	
Librarian, salary	$794 94	
Assistants, salary	818 62	
Janitor, salary	415 55	
Amounts carried forward	$2,029 11	$144,186 12

Amounts brought forward	$2,029 11	$144,186 12	
Books	787 43		
Periodicals	136 52		
Binding	199 75		
Fuel	349 33		
Stationery, postage, etc.	48 30		
Telephone	27 93		
Moving books	113 00		
All other expenses	252 03		
Total	$3,943 40	3,943 40	
Balance	1 75		
	$3,945 15		
Park Department			
Appropriation $700 00			
Superintendent	$240 00		
Labor	120 95		
Teams	24 17		
Trees and shrubs	57 00		
Settees	30 00		
Lockers from N. Y. P. A.	36 00		
Miscellaneous	116 49		
Total	$699 61	699 61	
Balance	39		
	$700 00		
Water Commissioners' salaries, January and February		37 50	
Public Safety Committee expenses		294 06	
Park Department options		3 00	
Insurance			
Appropriations	$1,500 00		
Dividends	8 10		
	$1,508 10		
Premiums paid		1,508 10	
Amount carried forward		$150,671 79	

Amount brought forward			$150,671 79
	Vocational School		
Appropriation		$500 00	
Refund from the State		428 75	
		$928 75	
City of Newton		$488 00	
City of Boston		8 50	
Total		$496 50	496 50
Balance		432 25	
		$928 75	
	Agriculture and Home Economics		
Appropriation	$200 00		
Madelline M. Fitzgerald		$43 00	
Ruth E. Tisdale		64 00	
Total		$107 00	107 00
Balance		93 00	
		$200 00	
	Avery School Playground		
Appropriation	$400 00		
Eunice Rae		$180 00	
Percy Quinlan		105 00	
Supplies		15 83	
Total		$300 83	300 83
Balance		99 17	
		$400 00	
	Deficiencies, 1916		
Appropriation		$3,800 00	
Refund		116 00	
		$3,916 00	
Amount carried forward			$151,576 12

Amount brought forward		$151,576 12
Selectmen's Department	$3 28	
Treasury Department	42 58	
Assessors' Department	17 55	
Town Clerk's Department	29 42	
Town Hall and grounds	2 50	
Police Department	402 12	
Fire Department	34 17	
Fire Alarm Department	24 33	
Inspection Department	10 09	
Board of Health	76 30	
Highway Department	654 21	
Sidewalk Department	9 69	
Removal of snow	189 65	
Poor Department	86 16	
School Department	1,119 21	
Vocational School	368 00	
Library Department	21 72	
New Library building	334 17	
Park Department	5 49	
Abatements	28 68	
Advertising by-laws	164 62	
Law	81 40	
Cemetery	6 00	
Board of Health, refund	116 00	
Total	$3,827 34	3,827 34
Balance	88 66	
	$3,916 00	

Unclassified Account

Appropriation	$1,350 00		
Town reports		$1,141 83	
Certifying notes		26 00	
Dog Officer		24 64	
By-laws		130 50	
Total		$1,322 97	1,322 97
Balance		27 03	
		$1,350 00	
Amount carried forward			$156,726 43

Amount brought forward		$156,726 43
Memorial Day		150 00
Glover Home and Hospital		1,000 00
Auto Fire truck		5,500 00
Interest on Temporary Loan		
Appropriation	$2,500 00	
Interest, taxes, and deposits	4,452 43	
	$6,952 43	
Discount on tax notes	6,177 34	6,177 34
Balance	775 09	
	$6,952 43	
Interest on general loans		6,675 00
Payments on general loans		16,500 00
Payments on temporary tax notes		180,000 00
Refund on taxes		89 55
Soldiers' burial		50 00
Soldiers' exemptions		59 96
Taxes on tax titles		449 12
Expenses on tax titles		259 16
State and County Taxes		
State tax		$20,240 00
County tax		7,937 25
Metropolitan Park		4,424 51
Charles River Basin		862 96
Repairs state highway		598 78
Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1918		47,364 41
Total general account		$455,064 47

Water Department, Maintenance		
Geo. A. Adams, Superintendent, salary	$1,457 50	
Office, Clerk, salary	614 50	
Printing, stationery, and postage	155 98	
Telephone	60 27	
Amount carried forward	$2,288 25	

Amount brought forward	$2,288 25	
Labor, general	1,963 81	
Teams, general	157 00	
Meters and fittings	495 37	
Freight and express	10 60	
Hay and grain	46 75	
Adams Bros., gasoline	232 15	
J. H. Fitzgerald, repairs	89 32	
Geo. E. Mitchell & Son, insurance	285 74	
Needham Tire Co., repairs	110 98	
Modern Garage, repairs	108 43	
Sundries	14 14	
Engineers	2,305 50	
Fuel	2,019 31	
Oil, waste, and packing	210 15	
Electric lights	90 20	
Wm. T. Wilson, repairs	24 75	
Waldo Bros., fire brick	18 00	
Equipment and repairs	297 69	
Miscellaneous	55 62	
Total	$10,823 76	$10,823 76

Water Department, Construction.

Services	$1,221 86	
Mains	7,849 16	
Meters	683 98	
Freight and express	4 37	
Total	$9,759 37	$9,759 37
Water Department, interest on bonds		$7,900 00
Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1918		5,121 05
Water Department total		$33,604 18

Reserve Fund

Appropriation	$1,000 00
Transfer from overlay, 1915	561 04
Total	$1,561 04

Transfer to Public Safety Committee	$300 00
Transfer to Fire Department for salaries	564 00
Transfer for salaries, Water Commissioners	37 50
Transfer to Fire Department for heating	482 00
Balance to deficiency, 1917	177 54
Total	$1,561 04

Deficiency bills for 1917 have been presented to the amount of $3,303.39, over $27,00.00 of which was paid by Jan. 22, 1918.

Debt Statement

BONDS	Outstanding	Due 1918 Principal	Interest
Town Hall loan	$12,500 00	$2,500 00	$500 00
School building	8,000 00	1,000 00	320 00
Stephen Palmer	37,500 00	2,500 00	1,450 00
School land	7,500 00	500 00	290 00
Public Library	8,500 00	500 00	340 00
Water loans	188,000 00	10,000 00	7,520 00
Refunding loans	90,000 00	.....	3,495 00
Total	$352,000 00	$17,000 00	$13,915 00

Balance Sheet

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1918	$47,364 41
John L. Twigg, Collector of Taxes, 1916	20,278 08
John L. Twigg, Collector of Taxes, 1917	56,029 00
Chas. E. Stanwood, Treasurer, Taxes, 1917	346 95
John L. Twigg, Collector Moth Assessments, 1916	232 97
Amount carried forward	$124,251 41

Amount brought forward	$124,251 41	
John L. Twigg, Collector Moth Assessments, 1917	812 75	
John L. Twigg, Collector Sidewalk Assessments, 1916	108 55	
John L. Twigg, Collector Sidewalk Assessments, 1917	787 88	
Tax deeds	1,453 54	
Tax titles	2,175 40	
Departmental bills receivable	2,317 77	
Total	$131,907 30	
Overlay, 1916		$278 58
Overlay, 1917		599 39
Temporary tax loans		115,000 00
Balance unexpended, Committee Water Investigation		70 92
Balance unexpended, Park Commissioners' options		197 00
Balances reserved for deficiences of 1917		3,436 23
Surplus revenue		12,325 18
Total		$131,907 30

The accounts of the financial officers of the town for the year 1917 have been examined and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

EVERETT TOTMAN,
Town Accountant.

ASSESSORS' REPORT*

The Board of Assessors submit the following report for the year 1917. In the making up of the tax levy we were confronted at the start by an increase of town appropriations over 1916 of $9,280.78 and also an increase in State and County taxes of $5,750.75, making a total increase of $15,-031.53 to be met by taxation in 1917. As will be seen by the table of aggregates we find a gain in the value of real estate of $296,260 over 1916. We are unable to state the amount of personal property valuation, except as assessed locally by your Board owing to the new income tax laws. We have assessed on a valuation of $1,209,805, showing a decrease over 1916 of $935,700, but this sum was offset by $17,319.02 in taxes to be received from the state, and we are pleased to note that we have been able to keep the rate $18.00, the same as for 1916. We believe the new income tax laws to be a success, for we know that many of our people have filed lists, both with the state and the town, from whom in former years no returns were received, and the Assessors were obliged to try and determine a person's income by the dooming process, which usually resulted in dissatisfaction both to the tax-payer and the Board of Assessors. We have decided to omit asking the town this coming year for an appropriation of $500.00 for the Block System, which has been granted annually for the last five years and has been a great help in our Department, but which we believe owing to the stringency of the times can wait over for another year.

Respectfully yours,

William F. Casey,
George L. Kingsbury,
Henry Godfrey, Jr.,
Board of Assessors.

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*Valuation List issued under separate cover. Copies may be had upon application at Assessors' office, Town Hall.

TABLE OF AGGREGATES

Town appropriations	$154,525 13
Fixed charges (bonds, notes, and interest)	23,175 00
Overlay	1,458 18
Amount to be raised for town purposes	$179,158 31
State tax	20,240 00
Metropolitan parks tax	4,424 51
State highways tax	598 78
Charles River Basin tax	862 96
County tax	7,937 25
	$213,221 81
Less estimated receipts	44,368 02
Amount assessed on polls and estates	$168,853 79
Valuation April 1, 1917:	
Value real estate	$7,948,550 00
Value personal estate	1,209,105 00
	$9,157,655 00
Taxes:	
Tax on real estate	143,073 90
Tax on personal estate	21,763 89
Tax on 2,008 polls	4,016 00
	$168,853 79
Moth tax on private property	2,710 45
Sidewalk betterment tax	605 67
Total committed September 10th	$172,169 91

OMITTED AND ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENTS

UNDER CHAPTER 400, SECTION 85, ACTS OF 1909, AS AMENDED BY CHAPTER 89, MARCH 2, 1911

Value of real estate	$400	Tax	$7 20
Value of personal estate	700	Tax	12 60
Value of 7 polls		Tax	14 00
Excise tax on street railways			1,618 08
Additional sidewalk betterments			729 00
Total taxes committed for the year			$174,550 79
Total valuation for the year			9,158,755 00
Number of horses assessed, 273.			
Number of cows assessed, 452.			
Number of neat cattle assessed, 20.			
Number of swine assessed, 202.			
Number of fowl assessed, 8,685.			
Number of houses assessed, 1,501.			
Number of acres of land assessed, 7,578.			
Rate of taxation $18.00 per thousand.			
Gain in value of real estate over 1916			296,260 00

TOWN OF NEEDHAM

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR 1917

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

Pursuant to a resolution passed at the town-meeting on March 26, 1917, the Selectmen appointed the following persons as a Committee on Public Safety:

Horace A. Carter
Edgar A. Crossman
Charles M. Donahue
Hon. Emery Grover
Timothy T. Maloney
William G. Moseley
David Murdoch
James M. McCracken
Edward W. Nason
William C. Payne
Walter K. Queen
James F. Ryan
Hugh D. Scott
Thomas Sutton
James H. Whetton

The Committee met on March 30 and organized with the Hon. Emery Grover, chairman, James M. McCracken, treasurer, and William C. Payne, secretary.

Sub-committees were subsequently appointed as follows:

Finance

William G. Moseley, *Chairman*

Timothy T. Maloney
Harold P. Newell
Hugh D. Scott
James H. Whetton

Recruiting

Frank C. Peabody, *Chairman*

John F. Gilfoil
William A. Probert
Wallace G. Rae
William H. Wye, Jr.

Home Guard

Walter K. Queen, *Chairman*

Charles M. Donahue
F. Murray Forbes
Robert H. Gardiner, Jr.
Ralph G. Hinkley
Edward W. Nason
Edward G. Pond
Hugh D. Scott
Francis J. Stanwood

Protection of Property and Public Works

Samuel H. Wragg, *Chairman*

George A. Adams
Horace A. Carter
Thomas J. Crossman
Edward E. Dailey
James M. Patterson
William H. Wye

Publicity and Soldiers' Information Bureau

Dana L. Southworth
William F. Casey
William C. Payne

Co-ordination of Aid Societies and Volunteer Aid

Redington Fiske, *Chairman*

Jeremiah F. Buckley
Mrs. Benjamin Chase
Mrs. T. J. Crossman
Dr. William Mitchell
Moses Williams, Jr.
Mrs. Charles Pease
Mrs. B. J. Rothwell
George H. Walker
Mrs. C. D. Whitney

Registration and Transportation

Dr. E. A. Crossman
Mrs. Roger Cutler
Frank W. Gorse
Clifford M. Locke
James M. McCracken
Mrs. George Pond
Mrs. Benjamin Rideout
James F. Ryan
Miss Winifred Thorpe
Mrs. J. H. Whetton

Food Production and Conservation

Rolla E. Healey, *Chairman*

Miss Mary Glancy
Leonard Dawson
Anton Hittl
Nelson Howard
Mrs. A. D. Kingsbury
James M. McLeod
Austin Potter
Bernard J. Rothwell
John A. Salman
Rev. A. H. Wheelock
Mrs. Moses Williams

Hygiene, Medicine, and Sanitation

Dr. Lee A. Jackson, *Chairman*

Edith G. Berry
Dr. William Mitchell
Mrs. Ernest E. Riley
Rev. Charles E. Sawtelle

In order to insure co-ordination of work the chairmen of all sub-committees who were not already on the general committee were added to the same.

Two members of the Committee resigned, Hugh D. Scott, to assist in training the Harvard regiment, and Frank E. Peabody, to enter military service. William A. Probert was appointed chairman of the Recruiting Committee to succeed Mr. Peabody.

The Committee held twenty meetings during the year, and received valuable co-operation and assistance from many individuals and from various organizations, notably the Woman's Special Aid Society, the Needham Board of Trade, and Norfolk Lodge of Masons, the latter contributing $100 toward the expenses of the Committee. From the outset the Committee has aimed at utilizing existing agencies as far as possible, and at its first meeting entered into close co-operation with the Woman's Special Aid Society, the members of which have shown a spirit of self-denial and patriotism of which Needham is justly proud and to whose untiring labors the Needham boys in the service owe many of their comforts, a debt which they are continually recognizing by letters of appreciation.

The Committee has been in constant touch with the national, state, and town authorities and has assisted from time to time in carrying out the plans devised by them for the protection of life and property, the production and conservation of food, the supply and regulation of fuel, the recruiting of men for the Army and Navy, the Liberty Loan campaigns, and generally speaking in all that pertains to public safety and a successful prosecution of the war. The reports of the various sub-committees hereto appended give fuller details as to the work accomplished by them, but do not reveal the large amount of time and labor voluntarily given by them and others to aid and assist the authorities in their preliminary war work, the value of such assistance having been repeatedly emphasized by the authorities concerned. Such self-denying labor, much of it of such a nature that precluded publicity, has done much to keep Needham in the front rank of towns that have done their bit, both by sending men to the front and by war work at home.

When the news of the terrible disaster at Halifax was received, Governor McCall requested the Committee to raise money for giving immediate help to the sufferers. Through the assistance of the Y. M. C. A. Committee and the Knights of Columbus the sum of $1,372.80 was raised in a week.

Respectfully submitted,

EMERY GROVER,

Chairman.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Hon: Emery Grover, Chairman Public Safety Committee, Town of Needham:

My dear Sir: — Following my appointment as chairman of the Finance Committee connected with the Public Safety Committee, I sent a letter under date of April 10, 1917, to the members of the Committee asking them to meet for the purpose of arranging for the important work of this sub-committee. I outlined a program as follows:

Securing a competent woman to make up a complete mailing list for the town; preparing a complete street list subdividing the town into twenty divisions; securing a man and woman to make a canvass of each division; securing pledges for regular monthly contributions during the war; taking over the entire work of raising the required money for relief and war work, thereby saving duplication of effort, the Finance Committee to disburse all money so raised, making a detailed report of all receipts and disbursements.

The Committee, while approving the plan in general, was inclined to the view that the objects for which the money might properly be expended were too uncertain at that time, and the matter was finally reported to the General Committee. After deliberation, the General Committee decided that specific calls be given attention as they arose, with the result that the Finance Committee as a committee has not attempted or been identified with any special work. The Committee has made recommendations from time to time to the General Committee, has represented to the different town officials the special needs, and has approved some of the various methods suggested for raising money. Its work has been more of a supervisory nature than active, and while its efforts have been restricted, there can be no doubt but what it has made easier the work of raising money in the town for the various objects.

Should the war continue for a long period it may be found necessary to put in operation the plan first outlined, but up to the present time each organization has successfully met the urgent demands.

The town has sustained a high rank in its response to calls for money for the Ladies' Aid, Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., the Halifax Fund, Food Conservation, and many other objects related to the great war work.

In conjunction with the Public Safety Committee this subcommittee is ready for any work required of it.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM G. MOSELEY,
Chairman.

Needham, January 19, 1918.

REPORT OF RECRUITING COMMITTEE

Hon. Emery Grover, Chairman Public Safety Committee:

I hereby submit the following report as chairman of the Recruiting Committee.

The Committee consisted of the following-named gentlemen, namely: Frank C. Peabody, John E. Gilfoil, William T. Wye, Jr., Almon G. Coburn, and William A. Probert; Frank C. Peabody as chairman, and William A. Probert as secretary.

A number of meetings were held by the Committee to try to encourage enlistment. A recruiting rally was held in the Town Hall. Officers from the United States Navy and Army and the First Corps of Cadets spoke on the benefits and privileges of their respective departments, which resulted in a number of enlistments. Since that time Chairman Frank C. Peabody has been called to the colors, the Draft Law has been put in force, and the Recruiting Committee has not had much to do, but I will say that we have encouraged and assisted all we could toward enlistment.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM A. PROBERT,
Chairman of Recruiting Committee.

REPORT OF STATE GUARD COMMITTEE

Needham Heights, Mass., Jan. 21, 1918.

Hon. Emery Grover, Chairman, Committee on Public Safety, Needham, Mass.:

Dear Sir: On April 5, 1917, the Committee on Home Guards was appointed by the Committee on Public Safety as follows: W. K. Queen, F. Murray Forbes, Edmund G. Pond, Francis J. Stanwood, E. W. Nason, R. G. Hinkley, Charles M. Donahue.

This Committee met at the Town Hall on April 7, 1917, and organized with W. K. Queen as chairman and Francis J. Stanwood as secretary.

At this meeting it was voted to send notices to all citizens of Needham requesting them to appear at a meeting to be held Wednesday evening at the Town Hall, when definite arrangements could be made for drilling.

On Wednesday evening all interested citizens met, and one hundred and thirty-five (135) men enrolled for duty in the Needham Home Guard.

It became apparent that the Town Hall was too small for purposes of drilling, and a contract was entered into with the Edison Electric Illuminating Company to install lights for illuminating Green's Field. This was done as soon as possible, with satisfactory results.

Applications for enrollment kept increasing until there were two hundred and seventeen (217) men drilling, the drills being conducted every Tuesday and Friday evening.

It was found that there were seventeen (17) men who had had previous military training. These men were selected to act as instructors under the direction of the Sub-Committee on Home Guards.

In April, by an act of the Massachusetts Legislature, the Governor was authorized to raise and equip a State Guard. Sixty-six (66) Needham citizens petitioned the Governor for

permission to organize a company of State Guards in the town of Needham.

This request was granted, and on June 5, 1917, Lieut.-Col. E. E. Locke, with medical officers, arrived in Needham for the purpose of inspecting, examining, and mustering in such as were accepted for service.

The Committee in taking the names of applicants, having been careful to select only such as were physically qualified, were highly gratified to find that every member of the Company passed the physical test and was accepted for service. They were subsequently accepted and designated as the 82d Company of the Massachusetts State Guard, and later as Company E, 13th Infantry, Massachusetts State Guard.

Upon our acceptance, the Sub-Committee on Home Guards called a meeting of the Company for the purpose of electing their officers, and the following men were elected: W. K. Queen, captain; R. G. Hinkley, 1st lieutenant; Wm. Hamson, 2d lieutenant.

These names having been submitted to the Committee on Public Safety and the Selectmen for their approval, and being forwarded to the General Committee on Public Safety in Boston, these men were appointed officers of the Company, and on June 5, 1917, were commissioned by the Governor as such.

The Company has been actively engaged in drills throughout the summer, meeting every Tuesday and Friday evening. Through the kindness of friends it was able to secure three Winchester muskets, 22 calibre, such as are used for indoor rifle practice, and having received permission to use the old rifle range formerly used by the State Militia, rifle practice was conducted every Saturday afternoon throughout the season with very satisfactory results.

The Needham Company has taken part in two battalion drills held at the Dedham Polo and Country Club, and also taken part in two regimental drills held at Framingham. At all of which they made a very creditable showing.

The Company received the hearty co-operation and support of all of the town officials and also of the citizens, a great many of the citizens having volunteered the use of their automobiles for transporting the men from Needham to the various drill grounds and return. Also at a recent town-meeting, the town

unanimously appropriated the sum of $2,000.00 for the further equipment of the Company.

Permission was given to use the lower corridor of the Town Hall as a rifle range. This has been inspected by the state ordnance officer, and after complying with the recommendations made by him, it has been inspected and permission given to conduct indoor rifle practice.

The men enter into the work with enthusiasm, and if called upon for active service will be found ready and willing to respond.

Respectfully submitted,

W. K. Queen,

Chairman Sub-Committee on Home Guards.

REPORT OF PROTECTION OF PROPERTY AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Judge Emery Grover, Chairman, Needham Committee on Public Safety:

Sir: — The Needham Committee on Protection of Property and Public Works appointed by you met soon after it was appointed and thoroughly discussed local conditions. As war had just been declared the people in general were greatly disturbed and a strong sentiment was apparent that our water supply be guarded. The Committee felt that this should be done, and so recommended it to the Selectmen, and guards were at once placed at the standpipe and at the wells.

The Committee have and are keeping in close touch with the public safety, and are ready at any time for any emergency that may arise.

Samuel H. Wragg,

Chairman.

REPORT OF PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Hon. Emery Grover, Chairman, Needham Committee on Public Safety:

Sir: — Your Committee on Publicity representing in its membership, as it does, the city press, through Secretary William C. Payne and Mr. William F. Casey, and the local press, has secured extensive publicity for all those subjects relating to the work of the Public Safety Committee and the public welfare.

Information relative to the draft, food conservation and production, the Soldiers' Information Bureau, the registration of alien enemies, and other subjects pertaining to the public interests have been given careful attention, and accurate and detailed information has been made available for the townspeople at all times.

DANA L. SOUTHWORTH,

Chairman.

REPORT OF THE SOLDIERS' INFORMATION BUREAU

Hon. Emery Grover, Chairman, Needham Committee on Public Safety:

Sir: — The Needham Committee, Massachusetts Soldiers' Information Bureau, appointed by you at the request of the State Bureau, has been and is steadily at work compiling the town's service lists which cover the regular Army, the Navy, allied foreign organizations, etc., as well as Needham men who have entered regiments in other states — in brief, every Needham man who has left home for service of any sort under any Allied flag.

The Committee's lists are not only arranged to include all items of information and identification, but with the help of

the men's families will be made increasingly valuable through the constant addition of interesting details. Thus they will help to form the most comprehensive record obtainable of every Massachusetts man at the front in whatever capacity during the Great War.

Each member of the Committee keeps an indexed record and from these three records the master list will be compiled. This in turn will form the working basis for the State Bureau's great roll of honor for the soldiers and sailors of the Commonwealth which will ultimately be prepared. The local Committee's list will be found useful in a great variety of ways, for the town roll of honor, the forwarding of gifts to the front, municipal affairs, and many other objects.

The work requires painstaking attention, and considerable time is necessary to obtain detailed information of all Needham men in the service. Information may be given in person or sent to Mr. William F. Casey, Mr. William C. Payne, or the chairman. Blanks prepared by the Committee to secure the information desired will be gladly furnished upon application by those who have not received one.

The Committee asks the aid of the families of those in the service that the Needham Committee may properly support the Massachusetts Soldiers' Information Bureau in its work.

DANA L. SOUTHWORTH,

Chairman.

REPORT OF REGISTRATION AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

To the Committee on Public Safety, Needham, Mass.:

The Committee on Transportation and Registration offers the following report:

The Committee was composed of five members of the Public Safety and five members of the Special Aid Society. A registration blank was sent to every inhabitant of the town of Needham by mail and was collected by 35 women, who at the same time registered 1,360 families. This canvass alone took

two weeks of intensive work. In addition 35 women, working in squads of from 10 to 15 for three hours nightly, spent 14 nights in filing the registration material. The entire work was done by volunteers, and the cost of the women's registration, approximately $70.00 for printing, library cards, and filing cabinet, was borne by the Special Aid Society. The file has been of use in a variety of ways. It made possible a canvass by mail instead of a house-to-house canvass for the first Hoover drive in July, resulting in the enrollment of sixty per cent of all the families registered. When rush knitting was needed to equip the torpedo boat destroyer *Warrington* the knitting file furnished names of a large number of women, prospective knitters, who were called on the telephone and immediately responded. The housing file shows that 436 homes in Needham stand ready to accommodate in serious emergency, a total of 880 persons.

108 automobile owners volunteered the use of cars accommodating 525 people. 8 auto trucks with a capacity of 12,000 lbs. and 83 horses also were offered. 17 motor-car drivers offered their services. 437 men offered their services in various ways, 51 for active service (now enlisted), 9 administration, 46 agriculture, 9 building and engineering, 17 clerical, 7 hospital, 200 guard duty, 9 instruction, 5 mechanical, 12 miscellaneous, and 72 general service (indefinite). This vast amount of labor would have been impossible but for the splendid services of the volunteer women, and the Committee desires to extend its appreciation and thanks.

These valuable files are the property of the town, and should the occasion arise men and women could be reached at short notice for service along many lines, as the files show not only the address but telephone numbers where telephones are installed. In addition to the above volunteered service, the service files give the names of owners, with addresses, of every motor vehicle in the town which could if necessary be drafted into service.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. Crossman,

Chairman, Committee on Registration and Transportation.

REPORT OF FOOD PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

To the Chairman of the Public Safety Committee:

Below we give a summary of some of the work which the Committee on Production and Conservation of Food has carried on during the past year.

In an attempt to stimulate interest and for purposes of education, after a public mass-meeting a series of practical talks and demonstrations on the details of production and conservation of food were given at intervals during the spring, summer, and fall by representatives of the Massachusetts Board of Agriculture, the Framingham Normal School, the Norfolk County Agricultural School, the Massachusetts Agricultural College, etc.

A thorough canvass was made of the town to learn of available land, tools, labor, and the needs of the citizens. A very generous response was made to our request for land, and much of it was assigned to those who wished to till the soil and raise their own vegetables.

Through the agency of the William Carter Company much land was assigned, fertilizer furnished, and other help given in that section of the town.

The stores of Needham sold more fertilizer and seed than ever before. In addition the Committee secured and distributed at cost over forty-three tons of fertilizer, nearly 500 bushels of seed potatoes, and some other seeds.

More small gardens were cultivated than ever before, and while there were varying degrees of success it is certain that most of them added materially to the supply of food, reduced the cost of living, and probably improved the health of those taking part in the work. The boys did yeoman service at labor in the garden projects.

In an earnest effort to increase the production of food, the Committee carried on a farming project on ten separate plots of land, aggregating over 37½ acres, on which potatoes, field

corn, beans, beets, and carrots were planted and the products sold to the inhabitants of Needham. For various reasons, principally the wet, unseasonable spring and the severe frosts early in September, what promised to be a financial success was turned to a loss. The expenses were met by a loan secured by being underwritten by a number of patriotic citizens, and an assessment of 45 per cent was necessary.

The work of the two school-garden supervisors was of material value in increasing production, conserving the surplus, and especially in arousing interest among the children. Two children's canning clubs were successfully carried on and much demonstration work done. Over 400 children's gardens were carried on.

Thirty pigs were bought and sold to the children in an attempt to increase the supply of animal food. So far as we have been able to learn this work was carried on without complaint. Adults have also secured pigs and raised on their own account. This is a good field for this work.

Some activity was undertaken with reference to the production of poultry. A very interesting talk on the subject was given in the spring, and a number of breeders offered their hatching eggs at a nominal price. The high cost of grain caused many to reduce the size of their flocks.

A supply of glass jars and jelly tumblers was secured and distributed. An electric range was provided for use at the Town Hall at demonstrations of canning and drying food products.

At the opening of schools in September, the Committee arranged for exhibitions at each of the various schools at which the children and teachers showed much interest. The results were inspiring and worth while.

About a week later with the co-operation of the Board of Trade, the second annual exhibition was held in the Town Hall. There was a material increase in the quantity and quality of food products shown and in interest developed.

About that time a market exchange was established and carried on during the period of surplus products. This was an attempt to bring the buyers and sellers together so that a more adequate distribution of food might be arranged.

To serve as a rallying point of those interested in agriculture the Needham Grange has been formed. It is thought that

this organization may be able to do its part as a permanent body interested in food production.

In an attempt to lower the cost of milk to consumers and lessen the cost of distribution a milk depot has been established. Those who are willing to carry home their milk can make a material saving. It seems to us that 14 per cent is so worth while that more general use should be made of this institution.

We have co-operated with the State Committee and the Food Administration to the best of our ability.

Our Committee has met practically weekly from March to December, and while the results have not been all we could wish we feel that the work has been worth while. I wish at this time to mention the untiring activity of our secretary, Mr. Nelson G. Howard, on whom much of the work has fallen.

The work for 1918 is even more necessary to have taken up energetically. Food will be scarce. Needham soil is good and the people are interested. On our opinion every effort should be made to see that as large a number as possible of individual or co-operative gardens be carried on. Even more land can be made available and it should be used. Best results will be obtained by intensive cultivation. A well-prepared seed bed is highly essential to success. Fertilizer, seeds, and labor are scarce. We feel that co-operative buying is necessary and that early arrangements to that effect should be made. The matter of soil preparation is difficult to arrange for unless some general arrangement is worked out. It might be wise to practically draft the teams, tools, and labor necessary to break up the soil in order that satisfactory results may be obtained. There is now a statute which permits the town to enter into these activities, appropriate money for the work, and assess the cost upon landowners benefiting.

We strongly advise an increased appropriation for supervision of the children's work, and recommend that the teaching and practice of agriculture and home economics be made a regular part of the school system.

Plans for exhibitions in the schools and for the third annual exhibition should be made as early in the spring as possible in order that more satisfactory plans may be made by the exhibitors.

The recommendation of the Food Administration is, that the general farmer at least maintain the usual acreage and if

possible increase that used for grain, beans, and potatoes. It also recommends that an increase in the garden production of substantial food products and that small backyard poultry flocks be kept when possible, and that those having available facilities to keep a pig should do so.

I wish to thank all who have in any way contributed to the work in which this Committee has been interested.

R. E. Healey,
Chairman.

REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON CO-ORDINATION OF AID SOCIETIES AND SOLDIERS' AID

To the Committee on Public Safety, Needham, Mass.:

The Joint Committee, consisting of five men appointed by the Public Safety Committee and five women appointed by the Special Aid Society, held several meetings in the late spring. Inquiry was made as to the equipment the near-by towns — *e.g.* Wellesley, Newton, Dedham, etc. — were planning to give to their men in the service. As a result, the Committee voted to equip each Needham man enlisting in the Army, or subsequently drafted, with a sweater, two pairs of socks, and a comfort kit. Men in the Navy were to be given helmets, scarfs, and wristers in addition.

Summer came. The chairman of the Committee was called away to other and engrossing work. No further meetings were held. No provision had been made as to funds or organization to carry through the program on which the Committee had determined. Accordingly, the Special Aid Society took over the responsibility which it has since carried.

Up to the present the Special Aid Society has equipped, as above, 190 Needham men at a cost of approximately $635. In addition, it has provided for the men in the service; draft luncheons, costing approximately $80; Christmas boxes for men overseas — with funds contributed chiefly by the churches — and a Christmas package for each man still in training in

America, at a cost of approximately $185; making the total cost approximately $900.

Since January 1, the Special Aid has also voted to send a helmet to each Needham man who is not already so equipped.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRIETTA G. ROTHWELL,

For the Committee on Co-ordination of Aid Societies and Soldiers' Aid.

REPORT OF HYGIENE, MEDICINE, AND SANITATION COMMITTEE

To Judge Emery Grover, Chairman of Committee on Public Safety:

The work of this Committee has been done under the guidance of the State Committee on Hygiene, Medicine, and Sanitation.

Several like committees in various parts of the United States have been communicated with in order to get an idea as to how the work is being done in different sections.

A canvass of the institutions and individuals qualified and willing to render medical assistance is being made.

The object of this is to be prepared for an emergency and to render medical assistance to the needy members of enlisted men's families.

Through the courtesy of the Lambert Pharmacal Company, over one thousand pamphlets on the care of the teeth as pertains to the child have been distributed to the school children.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. LEE A. JACKSON, *Chairman,*

Committee on Hygiene, Medicine, and Sanitation.

REPORT OF LOCAL EXEMPTION BOARD FOR DIVISION NO. 33

David Murdoch, Esq., Chairman, Board of Selectmen, Town Hall, Needham, Mass.:

Dear Mr. Murdoch: — Would you be so kind as to allow us a little space in your forthcoming town report in order that we might make a number of acknowledgments?

In the first place, we wish to express to you and the other members of your Board our appreciation of the constant co-operation and consideration we have received from you. We made our appearance last July expecting that our stay would be only a short one. To-day we are still with you, and from present indications it appears that we will have to ask you to bear with us for some time to come. In the meantime, we have taken possession of your office, overrun the adjoining office, made use of your safe and the Town Clerk's vault, and in general acted the part of sole occupants and proprietors. We have even interrupted your deliberations at your regular meetings. Nevertheless, we have always been met with unvarying kindness. Not a single harsh, sarcastic, or thoughtless word has ever been uttered by any one of you to us, although you have had abundant cause for irritation. We shall always look back upon our associations with your Board as one of the pleasantest episodes of our stay with you.

Nor is our indebtedness limited to your Board. Mr. Sutton, the Town Clerk, Mr. Stanwood, the Town Treasurer, Chief MacKenzie, Mr. Totman, Mr. Warren, the janitor, and the Assessors — in fact every official and every employee with whom we have come in contact has done everything possible to make our stay a pleasant one.

And we cannot let this opportunity pass without making our acknowledgments to the many public-spirited people of Needham who have done so much for us. Mr. Winthrop, Mr. Southworth, and Mr. Harold L. Miller have for days at a time given us valuable assistance. Dr. Miller, Dr. Schirmer, and the late Dr. Kingsbury have been at our constant beck and

call. Captain Queen and the State Guard have aided us on mobilization days. Mr. Harry L. Thompson and the other members of the Legal Advisory Board have been constantly on duty to aid in making out the questionnaires. The ladies of the town have supplied luncheons for the registrants at the physical examinations. Miss Katherine Buckley, Miss May Galvin, and Miss Eleanor Jones have helped us compile the lists. Mr. Horace A. Carter generously provided a breakfast for the departing boys, and the William Carter Company has done us innumerable favors. To name every person in Needham to whom we are indebted would be impossible in the space you can give to us, but to each and every one of them we extend our thanks and appreciation.

After all, this service which we are trying to perform — disagreeable as it is in some respects — has its compensation. We shall always cherish in our hearts the friendships we have made among you and the deep regard and affection for the good old town of Needham and its kindly patriotic people.

Very truly yours,

Goldmann Edmunds,
Richard M. Smalley,
William Mitchell.

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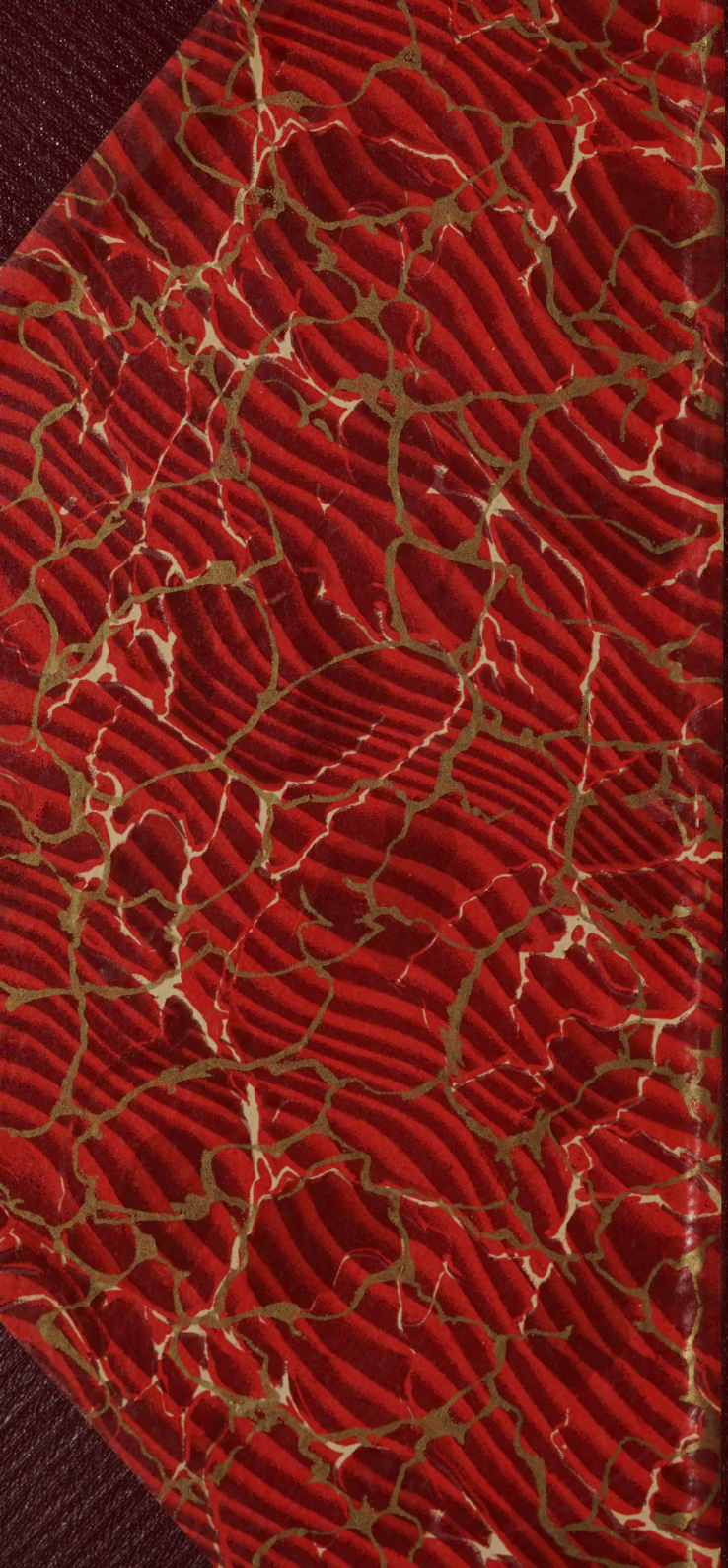
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